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On the Hill

The National Science Foundation has awarded an Undergraduate Research Project grant to Hampden-Sydney, according to a spokesman for the Department of Chemistry at the College. Grants were awarded to 148 colleges and universities nationally and to only 3 colleges or universities in Virginia. The grant awarded to Hampden-Sydney was the only grant awarded to an institution in Virginia without a graduate program. It was also the only grant awarded in chemistry to a Virginia institution.

The primary objective of the Undergraduate Research Project program is to provide promising students with firsthand experience in the research process. In addition, Undergraduate Research Projects expand the students' knowledge and help them develop the degree of creativity essential to scientific inquiry.

Four rising senior chemistry majors will be directly involved in the program this summer and two will be involved in preliminary support functions. The work of the six men will be coordinated by Dr. Herbert J. Sipe, Jr. and Dr. Douglas S. Thompson, both associate professors of chemistry at the College. The four students and their projects are: Philip M. Bayliss of Westport, Connecticut, who will employ electron spin resonance spectroscopy to investigate the electronic structure of several organic compounds that contain silicon atoms. Mr. Bayliss will be continuing studies conducted during the present academic year as a student in an advanced laboratory course. He will report on his work to date at the May meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science in a paper jointly authored by fellow chemistry majors George K. Bumgardner of Columbia, South Carolina, Frederick A. Gall of Charleston, West Virginia, and Professor Sipe.

The second student involved in the program will be Paul G. Brown from Mechanicsville, Virginia. Mr. Brown will synthesize magnetically active molecules and will use them in magnetic resonance studies aimed at discovering the molecular basis for the action of various anesthetic drugs on the human nervous system.

The third student who will be involved in the program is Donald L. McDowell from Dinwiddie, Virginia. Mr. McDowell will synthesize high-molecular-weight organic polymers that have the unique ability to change from a rod-like shape to a coil-like shape when they are dissolved in special solvents. Modern instrumental methods will be used to characterize the shape of the polymers in solution.

The fourth student involved in the program will be Michael E. Nerney from Hampton, Virginia. Mr. Nerney will prepare model nerve membranes and will use modern magnetic resonance methods to measure the effects of various anesthetic drugs on the structure of the membranes. Like Brown, his studies will be aimed at discovering the molecular basis for the action of various anesthetic drugs on the human nervous system.

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Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. George M. Schurr announced in January that 113 men had been named to the Dean's List on the basis of their academic performance during the fall semester. Of the 113 students, 33 were seniors, 34 were juniors, 25 were sophomores, and 20 were freshmen. To be named to the Dean's List at Hampden-Sydney a student must achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.3 out of a possible 4.0.

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of Adam Smith's definitive *Wealth of Nations*, Hampden-Sydney's Department of Economics has recently sponsored a series of lectures on various aspects of Smith's life and work. The series of five lectures emphasizes the wide-ranging scholarship of Smith's work. Smith, an eccentric scholar, made important contributions to the fields of literary criticism, philosophy, and ethics, as well as economics. The Adam Smith Lecture Series is being funded by a portion of a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

According to an announcement by a spokesman for the Department of Modern Languages at the College, a Lynchburg native has been tapped as the first recipient of the Department's Erasmus Award. Mr. Robert B. Taylor, a sophomore, has received an honorarium from the Department and is using the grant to help finance a semester's study in France. The award is given in the name of Desiderius Erasmus, great 16th century humanist and student of language. As one of the first to truly transcend national boundaries by virtue of a cosmopolitan erudition, Erasmus' name summons up those qualities that the Department of Modern Languages hopes to find in the recipient of the award. Mr. Taylor has already pursued French through the 400—or highest—level at the College.

Two Hampden-Sydney seniors, Martin M. McNerney of Springfield, Virginia and James W. Watson, Jr. of Farmville, Virginia, were recently inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honorary leadership society. The society taps selected second semester juniors and seniors during the winter and spring of each year. A Dean's List student, McNerney served as tri-captain of this year's basketball team. Watson is a Baker Scholar and former standout halfback. Omicron Delta Kappa, founded in 1914, recognizes individuals who through significant leadership in various phases of campus life, including

academics, contribute wholesomely to the College. The members of Omicron Delta Kappa seek to use their personal influence as campus leaders to better campus life and to encourage high standards in all activities.

The Hampden-Sydney Jongleurs presented Woody Allen's delightful farce *Don't Drink the Water* in Johns Auditorium on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The play involves a family that seeks asylum in a U. S. embassy in a mythical Communist nation after being accused of espionage.

Dr. Royster C. Hedgepeth, Associate Director of Institutional Development at the College, has resigned his post effective June 1, 1977 to accept the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, according to an announcement by James O. Avison, Hampden-Sydney's Vice President for Institutional Development. Said Avison, "We certainly regret losing a man of Royster's ability, but congratulate him and wish him all the best in this step up in his career." Dr. Hedgepeth has been responsible this year for general alumni affairs as well as the Annual Fund. He has also worked closely with the Parents' Council in its drive to meet the \$25,000 Morgan Trust Challenge. A search for Dr. Hedgepeth's successor is under way.

Orran L. Brown, a junior at Hampden-Sydney, has recently been named a recipient of an annual scholarship granted by the Virginia branch of the English-Speaking Union for a summer course of study at an English university. Two such grants were awarded this year in a state-wide competition of college juniors, with the final selection coming after a series of personal interviews held in February. Mr. Brown will attend Exeter College of the University of Oxford. The program includes study in small tutorial groups guided by a university tutor in the fields of political theory and practice. Students are expected to prepare and discuss papers in their special areas of interest within these subjects. A Baker Scholar, Mr. Brown has a perfect 4.0 grade point average through five semesters of work, is chairman of the College's Residence Hall Council, and is a member of this year's Student Court. He has recently been elected Chairman of next year's Court.

Mrs. Margaret Swartz and Miss Virginia Redd have been appointed to new positions in the Office of Institutional Development at the College, according to

an announcement by James O. Avison, Vice President for Institutional Development. Mrs. Swartz has assumed, effective immediately, the title of Alumni Recorder. Included among her duties will be the responsibility of maintaining direct contact with the officers of Hampden-Sydney's 30-odd alumni clubs around the nation. Mrs. Swartz will handle all matters related to club meetings, including the scheduling and location of each club meeting as well as the program format. She will also be responsible for the various public events involving alumni on campus, including arrangements for Homecoming and class reunions. Mrs. Swartz, a native of Clifton Forge, Virginia and a 1976 graduate of the College of William and Mary, is the wife of W. Bruce Swartz, the Assistant Director of Admissions at Hampden-Sydney.

Miss Redd has been named to the position of Director of Records and Research. Her duties will include the supervision of all the O.I.D.'s records. She will also be responsible for conducting research regarding individuals, corporations, and foundations that might be donors to the College. A native of Prince Edward County, Miss Redd is a descendant of two of the College's founding fathers, John Morton and Joel Watkins. She attended Longwood College and has worked at Hampden-Sydney for eighteen years.

Student Government Association officers were recently elected for the 1977-78 academic year. William D. Redd, a rising senior from West Point, Virginia, was elected President of the S.G.A. for the coming year. In addition to serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the S.G.A. this year, Mr. Redd, a Dean's List student, plays both football and lacrosse. A Baker Scholar, Mr. Redd has served as a member of the Student Senate and is currently a member of the Residence Hall Council. Elected Chairman of the Student Court was rising senior Orran L. Brown, of Forest, Virginia. As mentioned above, Mr. Brown has served as a member of the current year's Court and as Chairman of the Residence Hall Council. He also is a Baker Scholar. Richard E. Curtis, Jr., a rising junior, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the S.G.A. Mr. Curtis will also serve next year as the Chairman of the Students for Community Services. Yet another Baker Scholar, he plays football and lacrosse and has served as an alternate member of the Student Court this year.

The Interaction Chamber Players, a group of three musicians, were in residence at the College from Tuesday, March 8th through Thursday, March 10th.

Each of the three musicians, a clarinetist, pianist, and cellist, graduated from the Juilliard School of Music and Yale University. The group, according to advance promotional material, "aims to free both the artist and his audience from the conventional limitations of formal concert presentations." In a workshop atmosphere, through informal lecture demonstrations, open rehearsals, and free discussions, along with full concerts of both old and new music, the group worked to explain the process of creating music and to integrate it with the life and experience of the student. The group presented a jazz lecture-recital on the 8th, lectured and played for a number of classes, and held a full concert on the evening of the 10th.



The Interaction Chamber Players (left to right): Ethan Sloane, clarinetist, Paul Posnak, pianist, and David Sella, cellist.



Letters

ARTICLE ON COEDUCATION PROVOKES RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Your invitation to reply to the December article, "Coeducation: Pay Now, Pay Later?" is too tempting to pass up, even as I suspect the decision to become co-ed is rapidly being affirmed by the College establishment quite apart from what I or anyone else may think about the matter.

When I was at Hampden-Sydney, in the late 'fifties, there was much agonizing about whether or not to increase enrollment from 425 students to 600 or so. At that time, it was soberly contended that 600 students constituted the theoretical ideal size for the College. Now, we are told that "in a number of ways ... Hampden-Sydney has the resources for an ideal enrollment of 1200." Ten years from now, will it be 2400? Or will it be 0, on the assumption that high-school seniors who want to go to the University of Michigan will jolly well go to the University of Michigan where they can rub shoulders with tens of thousands of other like-minded young people of both sexes, imbued with the herd instinct to attain an increasingly meaningless degree stamped out like bottlecaps on an automated dimpling press?

It would seem that the fundamental question is not, "Should women be admitted to Hampden-Sydney so the College can amortize a faculty and library over 1200 students instead of 736?" This is putting the cart before the horse; it is rather like taking another wife because you happen to own a house with too many bedrooms. No, it would be far better to provide a faculty and facilities to accommodate those who choose to enroll at Hampden-Sydney because it is Hampden-Sydney than to alter fundamentally the nature and mission of the College to attract those who will otherwise go to Northern Virginia Community College.

While it is doubtless true that young men rarely choose Hampden-Sydney simply because it is an all-male institution, this is a little like saying young men rarely choose Harvard simply because it is in Cambridge,

Massachusetts. But just try moving it to Gallatin, Tennessee, and see what happens! The only thing Hampden-Sydney offers is its special character as a small, liberal arts college modeled on the British tradition of small classes, a close interrelationship between faculty and students, and the celebration of scholarship, individuality, Christian humanism, and—yes—a bit of eccentricity of the William Buckley stripe. It is not renowned for its great laboratories, athletic teams, or the number of trivial and pedantic monographs churned out by its faculty. It is, in short, the only college of its type in this part of the country; perhaps the only institution of its precise nature in the United States. Do we risk tinkering with it in any fundamental way when we can never really compete with the universities, yet stand a real chance of alienating the special kind of young man who has been its backbone in the past? Coeducation is but a symbol of this tinkering, albeit a wrenching and dramatic one. Yet it inevitably opens the floodgates to other fundamental changes in the mission, program, and traditions of the College that could blur the only distinction we can offer the college-bound.

As deTocqueville sagely observed, there are two universities in England, three in France, four in Prussia—and twenty-seven in the state of Ohio." Do we really need another university in Virginia?

Randolph M. Gregg, '57

Dear Sir:

As one of Dr. Elmore's former students, I read his article "Coeducation: Pay Now, Pay Later?" with optimistic expectations. Happily, I wasn't disappointed. I must admit that I am one of those who have always been of the opinion that Hampden-Sydney should remain an all-male institution. Reflecting on my reasons for this I realized that the only one was "Tradition"—that ever-present, constantly used word (at least on the H-SC campus)—that, unfortunately, can no longer have a place in today's complex world of the private, liberal arts institution of higher learning. Escalating operating costs have closed

many colleges and forced others to reduce their staffs and facilities. Fortunately, Hampden-Sydney has not been compelled to resort to those drastic solutions...yet. I hope that farsighted individuals like Dr. Elmore will prevent it.

Howard B. Waters, '75

Dear Dr. Elmore:

I am writing in regard to your article, "Coeducation: Pay Now, Pay Later?", which appeared in the December, 1976 issue of *The Record*. I write as a past board member, alumnus, and friend of the College and felt I should express myself directly to you through this letter.

I am very appreciative of the time and the effort you took to write your article. My main concern is that I feel it should have been addressed to the Board of Trustees, rather than the alumni, parents and friends. I agree with you that we should not stick our heads in the sand and ignore the coeducation issue, but I do find fault in the way you went about it. I, personally, am very proud of Hampden-Sydney College and what it stands for. I do not think it is deteriorating, as I have seen some very positive moves made in the past year in the appointments to the Board of Trustees, the pursuit of a new president, the percentage of alumni giving to the school, the percentage of graduates attaining admission to business and professional schools, and the remaining graduates, who appear to me to be doing quite well for themselves in the job market, after having attained a Hampden-Sydney degree. I feel your article was written in a very negative manner and tended to border on scare tactics in order to establish a foundation for the coeducational issue.

You stated that the danger at Hampden-Sydney of stagnation is magnified by our isolation and the homogeneity of our faculty and student body. As an alumnus, I look back on those two facets as being some of the more pleasant aspects of Hampden-Sydney. I personally appreciated the isolated atmosphere. If I wanted to be among crowds, all I had

to do was go to Lynchburg, Farmville, or Richmond, which were all close by. The fact that the students and faculty had a close relationship was definitely beneficial in that we were able to rub elbows with very scholarly men who quite often were very down to earth when we were in a one-on-one situation.

I can assure you as one former member of the Board of Trustees that I do not plan to see Hampden-Sydney fade away with the sunset, as I intend to work hard to insure her future. I hope that when you have concerns of this sort in the future, you will feel free to express them openly to the Board. I am sure they will be most receptive to any constructive criticism of the College and will not ignore any issue.

Peter A. Leggett, '68

Dear Dr. Elmore:

I have just completed your article in *The Record* and feel compelled to take a few minutes to respond, inadequately perhaps, but respond I must.

I have always been with "the group" opposed to coeducation at Hampden-Sydney and was ready to again champion the idea of an all-male student body. However, as the article progressed I almost began to tremble and suddenly realized that a healthy Hampden-Sydney is far more important than "my Hampden-Sydney."

If you have pulled me into the coeducational camp, the road ahead will certainly be easier for you and your supporters. Thanks for the article, for caring, and for sharing your views and opinions with others who care.

J. P. Vaughan, Jr., '57

Dear Sir:

I have just completed reading the December, 1976, issue of *The Record*. This journal has improved dramatically over the recent years, and now commands an evening or more

whenever it arrives. My sincerest congratulations to you and to your staff, and I am confident that many alumni join me in this sentiment.

With regard to Dr. A. E. Elmore's thought-provoking discussion on the practical aspects of my *alma mater* becoming truly coeducational, I would like to express my intense feeling that Hampden-Sydney should be a bastion of scholarship and culture in an age of declining standards. In order to do so, it should seek out and accept the exceptional student, regardless of age, race, or sex. I hope that the Hill's alumni and the Board of Trustees can see that Hampden-Sydney has no real reason to exist except to serve the highest aims of education. Other colleges and universities do most of the things that Hampden-Sydney does, such as teach and encourage social amiability, provide basic training in the humanities and elementary sciences, and offer a sheltered opportunity for the development of one degree or another of maturation. Our College, to justify its continuance, in my view, must offer something in addition; my preference would be for that "something else" to be an environment in which all students were intellectually and culturally challenged and expected to respond adequately. This, in and of itself, would be a worthy goal. I do not see that coeducation, the admission of minority racial groups, or any other broadening step for Hampden-Sydney would do other than strengthen my College in its pursuit of excellence.

It is of perhaps more than mere coincidence that Dr. Elmore's article is followed abruptly by Dr. Schurr's outline of opportunities for able students in the Honors Program; it seems to me that such achievement should be expected of most of Hampden-Sydney's students, i.e. "to do original work, have original ideas, ... take the lead in projects..." and so on. Perhaps there is hope after all.

In any event, *The Record* is marvelously done, a source of much pleasure to its readers, and an excellent advertisement for the College. Thank you.

R. G. McAllister, '63

Dear Sir:

Dr. Elmore's article on coeducation was well written and reasoned. Further chilling was the factual information contained in "On the Hill" that 32% of last year's prospective freshmen had rejected Hampden-Sydney "because they preferred a coeducational institution."

A few days ago, I did see an acquaintance from years past who is a graduate of Sewanee. Since I had just read Dr. Elmore's article, I inquired about the coeducation situation. His reply was he had opposed the plan originally, but had visited the campus recently and all was going well.

Today, I must confess to some difficulty in being able to explain to my children that until very recently, a black person could not eat in the same restaurant, stay in the same hotel, or attend the same school. I get a look of total disbelief but perhaps it is my conscience in the absurdity of that situation. My prediction is that Hampden-Sydney has no alternative other than to go "coed" and I would expect to have the same distant look from my granddaughters when I take them to "Death Valley" and say, "Now back in my day, they only accepted boys..."

Billie M. Millner, '50

Dear Sir:

The recent issue of *The Record* was one of the best yet. Of particular interest to me was Dr. A. E. Elmore's article, "Coeducation: Pay Now, Pay Later?"

I have always been adamantly opposed to coeducation at Hampden-Sydney. Frankly, Dr. Elmore presents his case in as persuasive and thoroughly documented a fashion as any I've ever seen.

I would like to suggest that *The Record* run a follow-up article taking the opposite position. One condition: find someone who can marshal his facts as effectively as Dr. Elmore.

Thomas N. Allen, '60

RECORD DRAWS PRAISE

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading the December 1976 edition of *The Record* and find it the most interesting and best prepared and presented of any similar publication it has been my privilege to see for some time. Every article had a message, was well written, and imparted a sense of worth that I have always felt characterized Hampden-Sydney. This issue gives any doubter that may have needed a reason to support the College many reasons to do so. May you continue to serve in such an excellent way.

H. Maxcy Smith, '29

Dear Sir:

I have just had an opportunity to look at the latest issue of Hampden-Sydney's *Record* and thoroughly enjoyed the insights that it provided to Hampden-Sydney. This is certainly an attractive publication and is a credit to the College.

I was particularly interested in the article on your coat of arms. Hampden-Sydney does things properly, and I am so pleased that you chose to approach the College of Arms for your seal.

William and Mary has long treasured its authentic seal and I know that yours will mean a great deal to you.

Thomas A. Graves, Jr.
President, College of
William and Mary

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News?

Ross Millhiser, Philip Morris President, to Address Seniors



Mr. Millhiser

Concluding ceremonies for the College's 201st session will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, 1977 in Hundley Stadium. Commencement will be preceded by the traditional senior supper and Baccalaureate Service on Saturday evening. The College expects to confer 175 baccalaureate degrees, as well as two honorary degrees.

Delivering the Commencement Address and receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree will be Ross R. Millhiser, President of Philip Morris Incorporated. Prior to his election, Mr. Millhiser had served as President of Philip Morris U.S.A., largest of the five Philip Morris operating companies, since 1966.

After being graduated from Yale University in 1941, Mr. Millhiser joined Philip Morris in his native Richmond, Virginia, as a cigarette-making machine operator. He entered the Army in 1942 as a private and served subsequently in the infantry as an intelligence staff officer and commanding officer in the European Theater, attaining the rank of major. Following his discharge in 1945, Mr. Millhiser returned to the company as an assistant foreman in Richmond.

He gained extensive experience in all phases of

operations, and was transferred to Philip Morris's New York headquarters, where he was placed in charge of print media for the Philip Morris brand in the advertising department.

Millhiser was named Marlboro Brand Manager in 1954. He guided all functions of the brand—from research and concept through advertising and selling. In May 1957 he was appointed Assistant Director of Marketing and was elected a Vice President of the company in 1958. A year later, in March 1959, he assumed the post of Assistant Chief of Operations. In October 1960 he was made Director of Marketing and was appointed Executive Vice President—Marketing in 1965. He was elected to the Board of Directors of Philip Morris Incorporated in November 1963 and to the Board of Benson & Hedges (Canada) Ltd. in June 1975.

Mr. Millhiser is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, a Director of First & Merchants Corporation, Richmond, a Trustee of the Independent College Funds of America, Incorporated, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Tobacco Institute, Washington, D.C.

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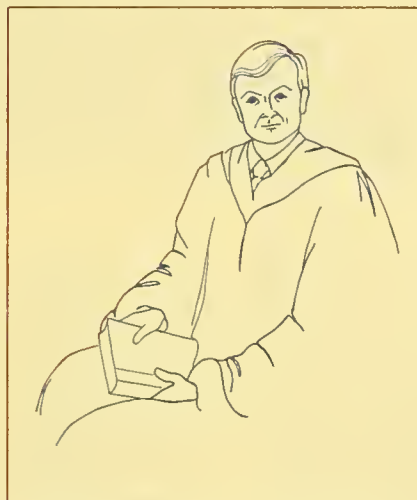
A college president "must have the wisdom of an owl, the cheerfulness of a cricket, the complacency of a camel, the adaptability of a chameleon, the diligence of a beaver, the skin of a rhinoceros, the brass of a monkey, and the charm of a domesticated deer."—An anonymous college president.

When I came back to Hampden-Sydney in 1939 as a teacher, Taylor Reveley had departed the scene, having graduated in June of that year. But his memory yet lingered on. "Lingered" is a weak word. The recollection of him was still strong in the minds of the people on the Hill. It was almost as if he were the stuff of which legends are made. He had been the nonpareil of the campus. Among student leaders it is doubtful if any since his time have quite matched him. He had been a letterman in football, basketball, and baseball. He had participated in each of the three during all four years of his college career. He had earned his first letters during his freshman year. He had been elected president of his freshman class; of his sophomore class; of his junior class. He had failed to be elected president of his class in his senior year simply because by then he was president of the student body, having risen to that post through the secretary-treasurership his second year and the vice-presidency his third year.

With all that, he had not neglected the academic side of his college career, for he graduated near the top of his class *magna cum laude*. In addition to his membership in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, he had been elected to the Chi Beta Phi

Scientific Fraternity and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity. At the 1939 graduation he was triply honored with the Tiger Trophy, the Gammon Cup for character, scholarship, and athletic ability, and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion for "excellence of character and generous service to his fellows."

These are the plain facts of his college career. What Taylor Reveley meant to his fellows on the Hampden-Sydney campus can be seen in the remarks of a



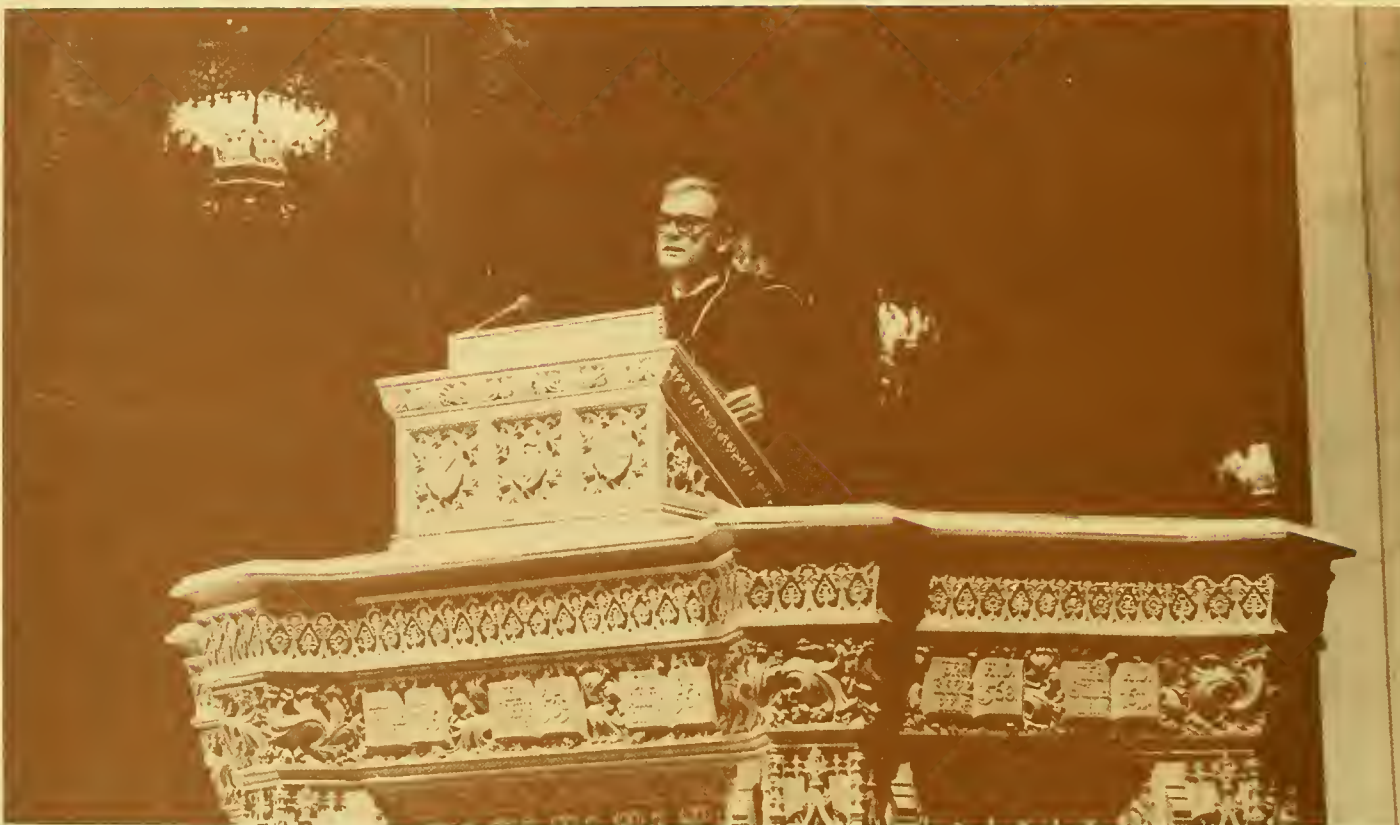
college mate of his, written in retrospect: "He could be found on the bottom of the pile-up during a goal-line stand, counted on for extra points at the foul line in basketball, and a desperately needed hit on the diamond. He cemented campus factions when he ran for and was elected to be student body president. He had a way when walking across campus or in a crowd to always catch your eye because he was looking at you first. He always acknowledged a greeting, be it with a grin, a smile, a nod, a wave of the hand, or calling out your name. He was a young man who knew how to keep his

thoughts serene, his vision discerning, his tongue under control, and his soul receptive to the eternal light of peace and harmony. He was a champion of faith, helped his weaker brothers quietly, and taught them to smile bravely when life frowned on them."

In the youth you see the man; in the student body president the college president. Here was an individual of wide abilities, destined for leadership, imbued with ideals of compassion and service. These same qualities have continued to evince themselves. A recent memorandum from members of the Faculty addressed to Dr. Reveley stated: "At all times you have shown yourself a gentleman and a Christian, with a door open to those who wanted to talk and a willingness to hear those who might disagree. There have been a patience, a tolerance, a kindness, a sense of ethical behavior that marked a truly noble character."

Dr. Reveley's style of leadership, as observed by a member of the administrative staff, was not of the "assertive" sort. His method was one of allowing each staff member to be his own boss to a large extent. Each could provide the leadership he was capable of providing. It worked well for those who were self-starters and responsible. There were some who may have needed a more prodding type of leadership.

The same man goes on to point out that Dr. Reveley has been a man of reflection, and if reflection led him to believe it advisable to change a decision of his own or of others, he would do so. He has ever been willing to



Dr. Reveley in the pulpit at the National Cathedral, Washington, last fall.

hear all sides and to try to reach a consensus. (This, incidentally, was the same characteristic noted by his fellows when he was student body president.) Above all, he was patient—"unbelievably so sometimes." He was always available to give full attention to one's problems no matter how busy he was. He was kind and "could take criticism better than anyone else I know." He did not bear grudges; criticism did not affect his actions toward other people.

In 1963 the Very Reverend Charles W. Dulles, S. J.; assuming the presidency of the University of San Francisco, made the following comment: "Becoming the President of the University of San Francisco in the year 1963 is somewhat like being thrust into a canoe that is about to shoot the rapids. The experience will be exhilarating and the accomplishment greatly satisfying should one survive the hazards of the course."

This was the same year that Dr. Reveley took over the helm

(if canoes have helms) at Hampden-Sydney. It was a trying decade for college presidents. Already Hampden-Sydney students had engaged in a little flare-up directed against previous administrative officials, and the Viet Nam war was to exacerbate the college life of the nation for a number of years. Yet President Reveley was able, with wisdom and patience, maintaining close contact with student leaders, to guide the school through with a minimum of disorder.

At the same time the College was making great forward strides in a material way, to a degree perhaps never experienced before in its history. In the fourteen years of his administration the enrollment has increased by fifty percent, and the faculty likewise. Major construction has taken place, amounting to well over four million dollars: the Science Center, the large addition to the Library, the Blake Infirmary and apartments, Whitehouse Dormitory, Hundley Stadium, and Hampden House

units.

In addition there has been much else: more faculty housing added, residential sections opened up adjacent to the campus, six new tennis courts built, gymnasium facilities expanded, athletic fields increased, Lake Chalgrove reconstructed, the College Museum moved into more attractive quarters. In all, this has probably been the greatest building period in the 201-year history of the College.

In the same years the financial status of the College has greatly improved. The book value and the market value of the endowment have more than doubled. Bequests, gifts, and grants have continued to mount. Much more in the way of scholarships and other financial aid is now available to students. Faculty salaries have increased each year.

Particularly pleasing to the eye has been the landscaping of the campus, under the diligent supervision and direction of Mrs.

Reveley. This has been regularly planned and carried out. Trees, shrubbery, flower beds have been planted. Unsightly excrescences have been spotted and removed. Never has the campus looked prettier.

Mention of Mrs. Reveley reminds one of the friendly hospitality that the Reveleys have continually maintained at Middlecourt. They have been unremitting in their entertainment of students and faculty in their home, as well as of visitors to the campus. Their hospitality has not been a matter of rigid and stereotyped officialdom. It displayed the warmth of a real home, striving to make the guest feel that he mattered. There was always delicious food served with elegance and spiced with stimula-

ting conversation. If the visitor was from the "outside world," it was inevitable that he should carry away with him a happy image of Hampden-Sydney and a desire to come back again.

This man-and-wife teamwork, it might be mentioned, stems from their student days when the then Marie Eason was a student at Longwood College at the same time the young Taylor was at Hampden-Sydney.

The president of a college, especially a small college, is forever concerned with relationships—personal relationships as well as institutional ones. Dr. Reveley has worked tirelessly, cultivating not just potential givers but those who constitute the direct supportive groups of the College—church bodies and

individual churches, alumni clubs, parents of students, other friends of the College. This has involved constant traveling and speaking. Not so apparent are the more intimate involvements as a kind of father-confessor with members of the local College family, where he has served as confidant, advisor, and helper in times of need.

All in all, it has been a great administration, one of the greatest in the past two hundred years. All we can say to posterity, when the records are in, are the words that St. Augustine once heard: "*Tolle, lege*—take up and read."⁵

Dr. Graves H. Thompson, '27, is Blair Professor of Latin and Clerk of the Faculty at the College.



Several of the tangible manifestations of Dr. Reveley's presidency (clockwise from the upper left): the Science Center, the Eggleston Library addition, Whitehouse Residence Hall, and the Blake Apartments.

Trotter to Retire, Urges Consideration of Codicil

Joseph T. Trotter, '35, has worked as a member of the College's administrative staff since January of 1960. Mr. Trotter will retire this July after "having worn a lot of hats at Hampden-Sydney." During his seventeen years on the Hill, Mr. Trotter has served as the Director of Alumni Affairs and Development, incorporating alumni, development, public relations, and even placement responsibilities into his position; and, since 1973, he has served the dual function of Assistant to the President and Director of Estate Planning. As part of his role as Director of Estate Planning, Mr. Trotter has held membership on the Estate Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees. He, along with four past or present members of the Board, has worked diligently since 1974 to urge alumni, parents, and friends to join the College's Codicil Club—a club for those who have included the College in their wills, trust funds, or insurance policies.

So often, as we talk to those interested in Hampden-Sydney, two questions surface. The first is: "How can a small rural liberal arts college such as Hampden-Sydney continue to turn out the caliber of men we have for over two hundred years?" The second is, as one looks ahead: "Have we done our part to assure a third century?"

The first question can be answered quickly, but only time will tell how we reply to the second.

One of the reasons Hampden-Sydney has been a strong college is because of her dedicated faculty—a faculty that has given guidance and instruction in more than just the academic area. "A young man needs training not only to make

a living but to make a life." Many alumni and friends have invested in the College over the years so that our endowment income could help with faculty salaries and scholarships for needy students. These investments enable the College to employ a superior faculty and through scholarships to attract students eager for an education.

Endowment has grown over the years because of the generosity of alumni and friends—and now stands at about \$12,000,000. Within the last eighteen months the Pratt bequest of almost two and a half million dollars has been received. It will be used to further improve our faculty through merit raises, to fund visiting professorships and, through the expanded merit scholarships program, to attract outstanding students.

Now for the third century. In the first place, our Annual Fund has made remarkable growth. In 1960 the alumni portion of the Annual Fund was \$28,000. In 1972 it reached an all-time high of \$243,000 plus \$125,000 from an anonymous donor who offered to match all new money. This year we are striving for \$300,000 in the alumni portion of our Annual Fund drive. This fund means much to the College in helping it to operate with a balanced budget. Now, in the second place, how can one be assured that the Annual Fund will grow in future years? Through a bequest to endowment one can, in effect, continue his annual support.

Thinking of the above, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in 1974, appointed a special Estate Planning Committee. At its first meeting it was decided to form a Codicil Club to honor all alumni and friends who had included Hampden-

Sydney in their wills, in their trust funds, or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. As a start all five members of the committee joined the club. Since then we have had many added charter members—should not your name be on the list? The present Codicil Club members are listed, but we know there are many who have overlooked advising us of their intentions. There is still time to have your lawyer add a codicil to your will: "To The President and Trustees of Hampden-Sydney College, I leave . . ." Please let us know if you want to designate your bequest to scholarships, to the library, to the building program, etc. If each living alumnus should bequeath the College \$2500, our present endowment would be doubled. Can you think of a better way to ensure a tri-centennial celebration in 2076? We won't be here, but you can be certain many will be giving thanks for the investment you have made in the future to continue the education of young men.

Over the years please keep in mind what a lovely elderly lady who was most generous in her gifts to the College once said, "You can keep only that which you share."

Joseph T. Trotter for the Estate Planning Committee



Mr. Trotter

Charter Members of the Codicil Club

These men have included Hampden-Sydney in their wills, trust funds, and/or insurance policies.

William Van Meter Alford	'36	Dr. J. F. Jones, Jr.	
**Bernard E. Bain	'28	William B. Kunze	'68
J. P. McGuire Boyd	'64	**Robert W. Lawson	'30
Joe E. Bedinger	'25	**Peter A. Leggett	'68
B. Louis Briel	'66	John B. Long	'38
*Robert Carlyle Bunts	'29	**Edward Theoderick Maben	'27
William Tillman Butler, Jr.	'62	*Thomas H. McGavack	'17
**Royal E. Cabell, Jr.	'43	R. Page Morton	'23
**Lewis G. Chewning	'27	Henry C. Reed	'36
Joseph E. Cox, Jr.	'38	W. Taylor Reveley	'39
**G. Gilmer Craddock, Jr.	'38	R. Whitfield Roberts, Jr.	'28
Alexander Donnan	'12	Dr. John B. Schug	'52
Dr. John Hughes Dunnington	'11	Thomas H. Shomo	'69
**Richard C. Edmunds, Sr.	'25	Shelton H. Short, III	'48
Richard C. Edmunds, Jr.	'53	Glenn W. Small, Jr.	'63
Elmo B. Firenze		Jack H. Spessard	'19
S. Douglas Fleet		**William B. Spong, Jr.	'41
R. Cecil Garlick, Jr.	'23	Clayton B. Tasker	'41
Harris Hill Gee	'24	**George E. Taylor	
**Dr. Charles J. Geyer, Jr.	'37	**James L. Trinkle	'50
C. Hobson Goddin	'45	**Dr. Herbert Trotter, Jr.	'31
Charles M. Guthridge	'68	Joseph T. Trotter	'35
**Robert G. Harper	'38	**Robert C. Vaughan, Jr.	'40
William Perkins Hazlegrove	'12	Robert P. Waters	'64
Thomas D. Headlee	'21	**Dr. Francis R. Whitehouse	'34
**John B. Henneman	'20	John Dennis Wilson	'51
**C. Randolph Hudgins, Jr.	'46	**Henry A. Wiseman, III	'41
Dr. R. Douglas Humphrey, Jr.	'54	Fletcher J. Wright, II	'57
*Willoughby S. Hundley	'12	Dewey C. Wynn	'22
Henry Y. Ingram	'19		

There are charter members from the following classes who have requested that their names not be included in our published list:

'17
'25
'29
'36
a friend of the College

*deceased
**present or former trustee

Estate Planning Committee

*Bernard E. Bain
Royal E. Cabell, Jr.
Lewis G. Chewning
George E. Taylor
Joseph T. Trotter*

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Rose Bower's Irish Bard

by Robert R. Henry, IV

"Happy January Depression," read the post card, complete with a full-color shot of a young man lying in snow and grasping a revolver. "Most people send Christmas cards," said Tom O'Grady the poet. "My friend likes to be different."

O'Grady sorted through the rest of his mail (a collection of distinguished-looking brown and white envelopes appropriate to a busy man of letters), and continued down the soggy road to Rose Bower. The day was cold and the dogs were frisky; it was no time to dawdle in the yard.

Before settling down to an afternoon of wine and poetry, however, there was the small problem of firewood . . .

"I really have problems writing poetry out here," said O'Grady between axe chops, "because I always have the feeling that I should be *working* on something. Whenever I finish one project I find that fifty more have sprung up . . . and I know that vineyard work will start to take over the weekends in late March."

O'Grady happens to be a poet-in-residence (at Hampden-Sydney) who grows his own

grapes and makes his own wine at a 217-year-old country manor called Rose Bower. Much has been made of his rather romantic surroundings, but O'Grady is too busy to be concerned with "mystique." He is totally unpretentious, especially for a theatrical, gray-bearded elfish figure who would adapt easily to the role of Great Cosmic Poet. Just what *is* the stuff that this modern bard is made of?

"I am not conscious of having any sort of mystique or mysterious aura," said O'Grady as he kindled a fire. "I think that if you are conscious of anything

like that then you haven't got it. However, I believe that every 'artist' is aware of recognition. After all, recognition of a man's work is fifty per cent of what makes up our enthusiasm for art. But I am simply glad to be made a greater part of the Hampden-Sydney community through the 'press' that I've gotten."

The poet is a part of his community in other areas as well. In addition to his endowment as a poet-in-residence, O'Grady is involved in the Virginia Poet-In-The-Schools program, the Hampden-Sydney Sculptors' Festival and the College's Visiting Writers Series (he is both promoter/organizer and participant, along with a group of today's most prominent modern authors including Denise Levertov, Stephen Spender and John Barth). He teaches creative writing and composition courses at his home base and sallies forth to such eastern metropolises as Washington, New York, and Richmond for readings of his poetry. In 1975, O'Grady founded *The Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review*, an attractive magazine which he also edits. *The Poetry Review* is supported and funded by the College, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities. It has featured work by Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners—writers like Kenneth Rexroth, W. D. Snodgrass, and Denise Levertov—as well as work by new poets.

Last spring, O'Grady packed up eight Hampden-Sydney students and a collection of his poems and headed for Europe. He read his works in a bookstore in Paris, while the student writers kept a journal of their wanderings and soaked up inspiration. The students met "in cafes and museums, parks and hotel rooms, and along the banks

of the Seine River," and they produced a voluminous amount of poetry and prose. "Some literally exploded." O'Grady also introduced the students to a few well-known writers living abroad, during the four-week course.

All this and a grower of grapes.

The ancient fireplace sparked and glowed with each fresh log, and the mood was fast becoming a vast poetic slumber. O'Grady poured the wine, and spread out several pages of poetry before him on his knee. The fire pushed needless cold to the farthest corner, and O'Grady began reading an unfinished work about a rapist in

Charlottesville. The flames crackled . . . another poem . . .

*...Now this slumbering house
leans in
the thick breeze up from the
streams,
small amid trees you started, and
I enter its echoes head down,
wondering
who first loved on these floor-
boards
and who carried their solitude
up the stairs.*

...read O'Grady, and he closed his own *Pamphlet of Poems* like a contented father finishing a bedroom tale. "I wrote that one about Rose



Inside Rose Bower with Hampden-Sydney's "Man of Many Talents."

Bower," he said. "When I think about the history of this place, I feel somewhat indebted to the people who lived before me. After all, it's actually their house." The finished poem, entitled "Living in Another Man's House," has also appeared in *The Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review* (1975), and *An Anthology of New American Poets* (Ardis Press, 1976).

O'Grady has a right to be proud of his house and his 45.66 acres of Southside Virginia. Before he and his wife Bronwyn could even move into the house, it was necessary to replace portions of crumbled foundation, pick the front porch off the ground, buy new windows, rebuild parts of the two decrepit chimneys and open them up inside, insulate and plaster and paint the walls, paint the exterior, and install plumbing, electricity, and heating. "We saw potential in Rose Bower," said

O'Grady. When they purchased the house, they could see little else.

Now, however, countless hours of work have produced a comfortable haven from the sometimes cruel Virginia weather. Rose Bower features a well-tilled garden, a fine set of alarm-roosters ("The eggs that their hens produce pay only for the up-keep, but I like the morning noise"), and a combination heater-greenhouse (after the warmth builds up in the greenhouse, it is blown by fan through a window into the house—the temperature in this latest addition to Rose Bower is forty to fifty degrees above that of the outside). And, of course, there are those grape vines.

"I'm a frustrated sculptor," said O'Grady. "When I tend to my vines, I'm really working on a piece of sculpture. Shaping and caring for all those grapes is a lot of work, but I get real artistic



satisfaction out of it." The poet-farmer-sculptor owns the second-largest vineyard in Southside Virginia—his 1,800 young vines promise to produce 8,000 bottles of wine per annum.

The flames were glowing through empty wine glasses, as the embers settled in the fireplace. O'Grady finished reading a portion of the sonnet sequence from his soon-to-be-published limited edition of *Establishing a Vineyard*; the Man Of Many Talents settled back in his chair, and relaxed at the evening of the day.

"You know, I feel like I never have enough time to give my classes. There is so much going on. Every teacher, though, should feel that to teach scholarship you need to pursue scholarship. To be an effective teacher of creative writing, I need to write. Otherwise, my enthusiasm would die. So I guess I'll keep on trying to find time for everything . . ."

O'Grady bent his back to the fireplace, and quietly swept up ashes. Outside, it was colder and the dogs were barking. The wine and poetry had created a different world inside that 217-year-old house, and the road back to civilization was now a little harder to negotiate.

Robert R. Henry IV, '79, is feature editor of *The Tiger*.



Another view of Rose Bower with the greenhouse appendage (rear of house) and vineyards in the foreground.

Virginia Press Lauds Bunting's Election

Josiah Bunting, III, was elected the nineteenth president of the College on Saturday, January 29th at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Bunting's election has drawn a considerable amount of favorable publicity, as is evident from the editorial below, which originally appeared in the February 5th edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. (Detailed information regarding Mr. Bunting and his election appeared in the February edition of The Newsletter.)

Old College, Young Ideas

Founded in 1776, just six months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Hampden-Sydney College is one of the oldest liberal arts colleges for men in the United States.

It also is one of the best.

The trustees of this venerable institution have just chosen a young man, 37-year-old Josiah Bunting, III, as H-SC's 19th president.

It is hard to imagine how they could have made a better choice. Mr. Bunting is one of the brightest minds of his generation. A 1963 honors graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, a Rhodes Scholar, a Vietnam veteran, an historian and a professor, an accomplished writer, and (since 1973) a college president. Mr. Bunting is the quintessence of the type of well-rounded individual the Hampden-Sydneys of this world aim to produce.

True to the Rhodes tradition, Mr. Bunting blends the athletic and the academic, jogging a few miles a day and

scribbling prose on notepads whenever he gets a few minutes' respite from administrative burdens. His ideas also are a blend. He believes in shaking things up, making a college a "real hotbed of ideas." He did just that at Briarcliff College in New York, turning it around from a fading women's college with a finishing-school image into a more respected liberal arts institution. But he also values sensibly-grounded tradition, such as that single-sex colleges continue to have a valid role, and believes that there is merit in the old-fashioned work ethic, even for college students.

It'll be a long time before the folks at VMI forget the remarkable record Josiah Bunting made as a student in Lexington. The folks at Hampden-Sydney are to be thanked for luring him back to Virginia as a college president to succeed, as of next July, Dr. W. Taylor Reveley, who has done a good job over the past 14 years.



Clower to Retire to Woodstock Farm



Two long-time pillars of the Hampden-Sydney academic community will retire—or semi-retire—at the end of the 1976-77 academic year according to an announcement by President Reveley. Dr. Joseph B. Clower, Jr., will leave the College after twenty-three years as a member of the Department of Bible and Religion. He will be retiring to the family farm in Woodstock, Virginia. Dr. Graves H. Thompson, the Walter J. Blair Professor of Latin at the College, has taught as a member of Hampden-Sydney's Department of Classics for thirty-eight years. He is retiring from full-time teaching but will continue to teach at the College on a part-time basis.

Known among students for his specific and detailed tests and exams, Dr. Clower was awarded the A.B. degree by Washington and Lee University in 1928. He earned the B.D., the Th.M., and the Th.D. degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, where he was a Moses D. Hoge Fellow in 1934. Chairman of the Department of Bible and Religion since 1964, Dr. Clower is the author of *The Church in the Thought of Jesus*. He and his wife Mary were the recipients of an Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion in May of 1976.





Thompson Retires Too . . . Sort of

Dr. Thompson received the A.B. degree from Hampden-Sydney in 1927 and the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1928 and 1931. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. Along with Dr. T. Edward Crawley, Dr. Thompson was, in 1969, the co-recipient of the first William H. Cabell Award for distinguished teaching. The author of a standard Latin text and numerous articles, Dr. Thompson is a former moderator of Appomattox Presbytery and Clerk of the Session of College Church. Long recognized among both students and fellow faculty members for his quick wit and broad-gauged knowledge, Dr. Thompson, along with his wife Leila, was awarded an Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion in June, 1971.

In commenting on the retirement of the two professors, President Reveley asserted that "The College will be hard-pressed to find replacements for two such outstanding professors. Any time an institution loses two men whose combined service to the College totals 61 years there is bound to be some sort of temporary vacuum. Both Dr. Clower and Dr. Thompson have given generously of their time and efforts outside the classroom—in the church and community affairs—as well as inside the classroom."



Some Thoughts on Admissions at Hampden-Sydney

by John H. Waters, III

Any assessment of the admissions situation at Hampden-Sydney should begin by taking a general look at the overall admissions picture faced by all small private colleges and universities today and by taking into consideration how this picture has changed over the last decade.

During the nineteen sixties, student recruitment in private institutions frequently received less emphasis than other aspects of the college's or university's admissions process. There was, at that time, a relatively ample pool of college applicants, and the primary emphasis in admissions revolved around applicant selectivity and institutional growth.

Today, however, the picture is a different one. The bountiful pool of college-bound students no longer exists. Various factors have brought about this change—the rapidly rising costs of tuition and fees, bleaker job prospects for the college graduate, effects inflation has brought about in our economy, the end of the military draft, and finally, of course, the decline in the national birth rate. Studies have indicated that from now until at least 1990 the nation's colleges and universities will be confronted by an unprecedented decline in the traditional college-aged population. The numbers of high school graduates going on to college is projected to shrink 15% by 1985; and as much as 22% by 1990. The current rate of high school graduates going on to college is approximately 50%; this is predicted to remain unchanged in the years ahead, despite optimistic projections during the sixties that the percentage would increase to 85%

by 1990.

Now, let's take a look at Hampden-Sydney's admissions picture over the past 10 years. During this period the number of applications received each year for admission into the freshman class has ranged from a low of 447 in 1971 to a high of 558 in 1972, with the average number for the period being 506. During this same period of time our enrollment grew from 565 in 1966 to 796 in the 1975-76 session. Taking into account the rather stable number of applications Hampden-Sydney has had each year, it is obvious that increasing the size of the student body has affected the selectivity factor in the admissions process. What have the effects been?

First of all, there has been an increase in the percentage of applicants offered admission. In 1966, 60% of all applicants were accepted for admission; in 1976, 76% were accepted. However, a 70%-80% acceptance rate is still highly competitive with, if not below, the acceptance rate of most good, small private institutions.

Our Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores have also declined—the average verbal SAT in 1966 was 528; the math SAT was 580. In 1976 the average entering freshman SAT scores were 488 verbal and 547 math. However, over this period of time the national average SAT scores of college-bound high school graduates have also declined from 466 verbal and 492 math in 1966 to 431 verbal and 472 math in 1976. It is impossible to determine how much our SAT score decline can be attributed to our own enrollment increase and the accompa-

nying increase in the percentage of acceptances, and how much might be attributed to the national decline in SAT scores which has occurred during this same period. At the present time the verbal SAT average of our current freshmen is 57 points higher than the national verbal SAT average of college-bound high school graduates and is 75 points higher than the average of Southern regional college-bound graduates from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia (the states from which Hampden-Sydney drew 89% of her current freshmen). Our SAT math average is 75 points higher than the national average for college-bound students and 102 points higher than the Southern regional average.

Another area we should examine is that of high school class ranks of entering Hampden-Sydney freshmen. In 1966 the ranks were figured in quartiles; 52% of our entering freshmen were in the top quarter of their graduating class; 34% were in the second quarter; 10% were in the third quarter; and 4% in the lowest quarter. In 1976 the divisions used were quintiles—36% of entering freshmen were in the top fifth of their class; 28% in the second fifth; 19% in the third fifth; 13% in the fourth fifth; and 4% in the bottom quintile. In 1966, 86% of the entering freshmen were ranked in the top half of their graduating class; in 1976, 77% were in the top half. Even though there has been a decline in class rank over the period, an important factor should be kept in mind here.

This factor is the increasing number of entering freshmen from private secondary schools over the past several years. This has resulted from the economic necessity of recruiting students able to meet the rising costs of tuition and fees at Hampden-Sydney over this period. In 1966 about 30% of the freshman class graduated from a private secondary school; at the present time approximately 40% of the entering class are private high school graduates. Generally speaking, competition tends to be more intense in the private secondary institutions, and nearly all of the students are in college preparatory programs.

Having placed our current admissions situation in perspective, what are the alternatives we must consider in order to maintain and strengthen Hampden-Sydney's academic standards of quality?

Obviously the primary order of business would be to increase the number of applications which we receive each year. Recruitment efforts of the admissions staff have intensified over the last few years, and plans are in the offing for a greatly expanded program in this area next year. One result we hope will be to expand our Southern regional reputation as a quality institution to a wider geographical area, particularly the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions.

If Hampden-Sydney decided to become a coeducational college, it would increase the *potential* number of applications we might expect to receive. However, to advocate coeducation as the only answer to increasing the number of applications for admission is an oversimplification of the general situation in which we find ourselves. Many small private coeducational institutions are themselves in bleaker circumstances than we at Hampden-

Sydney are facing at the present. Coeducation also would bring about increased financial burdens for the College, particularly in the areas of student housing and recreation. This is *not* to say that the Admissions Office opposes coeducation as an alternative to consider in Hampden-Sydney's future. However, it must be thought of as an alternative, not as a cure-all.

In closing, I would like to quote from an article in a past issue of the *Bureau Quarterly*, a development and fund raising publication. "Admissions—mainly student recruitment—cannot be isolated from the total well-being and situation of the college. The admissions program is related to and obviously draws its strengths and weaknesses from the program of the school. A worthwhile educational experience which persuades a student to stay has the same impact upon maintaining enrollments as a well-operated recruiting plan may have on getting students to come. A college must attract students on the basis of its own worth—this must be the total image presented by the institution—in terms not only of the quality of teaching, but also in

terms of the quality of extra-curricular activities, recreational opportunities and facilities, life in the dorms, meal service, and attention to the individual. The student must, in summation, have an experience which will make him and his parents feel that they have made a good investment in his college education."

We must not lose sight of these facts as we make decisions in the years to come regarding the role of admissions and student recruitment in Hampden-Sydney's future. ☛

John H. Waters, III, '58 is the Director of Admissions at the College.

As The Record went to press the Admissions Office announced that the number of applications received to date was 5% ahead of the number of applications received by this time a year ago. The Admissions Office attributes the rise in applications, in part, to the efforts of alumni in contacting potential applicants and to the introduction of the expanded merit scholarships program.



Director of Admissions John H. Waters, III (center).

“To Thine Own Self Be True”

A discussion on the possibility of the College becoming a coeducational institution was initiated by Dr. A. E. Elmore in the December edition of The Record. Dr. Elmore in his article “Coeducation: Pay Now, Pay Later?” argued that a number of factors make this a particularly auspicious time to seriously consider coeducation. Mr. John L. Brinkley has consented to argue the opposite point of view. As was the case with Dr. Elmore’s article, the opinions which follow are expressly those of the author and should in no way be considered to represent official College policy or the personal persuasions of the editor. The editor believes that such discussion as has taken place in this and the most recent Record regarding a fundamental question concerning the College is a healthy and worthwhile exercise. Opinions regarding either of the two articles should be addressed to the editor for possible inclusion in the “Letters” section.

by John L. Brinkley



Mr. Brinkley

Surely that wisest of women, Ann Landers, has an apt maxim for those who feel obliged to fret over the suggestion that Hampden-Sydney consult its heritage when meeting problems; indeed so: she has repeatedly counseled, “By all means keep an open mind—but don’t let your brains drop out.” Our history has striking examples of how we have followed that advice and succeeded, ignored it and failed. Of course, for those institutions that have no heritage, but merely a past—or, perhaps a past of which they are

not proud—there are alternative guides in decision making. Some elect to do “what everybody else is doing;” some abdicate responsibility and listen enraptured to what theorists and purveyors of innovation preach. A prudent sense of stewardship, steadied by a firm grasp of reality—or, if you will, wisdom joined to common sense—ought to lead us to value established principles and the sobering lessons of experience above wishful thinking.

Curiously, amid the attempts to formulate solutions to problems at Hampden-Sydney, where time and again a

sense of what our history has made us has served us so well, we have not troubled ourselves (as indeed we have not seen the need) to present a positive case for continued commitment to the principles, the environment, and the program which have been maintained and developed within our authentic heritage as our way of fulfilling our mission. One of the College’s major problems of late, as I perceive it, has been a tendency to be overly self-critical, and therefore all too willing to be receptive to the idea of change-for-change’s-sake, an attitude which is a baffling

paradox in a community dedicated to the liberal arts tradition in education, whose standard of goodness, of worthwhileness, is timelessness, not just the fashionable or, worse, the faddish. Surely we have a duty to the notion of education which brought us into being and which alone justifies our existence, to promote an uncompromising commitment to the values of the tradition which we embody, a tradition distinctively American and nurtured especially in the small, private, church-related colleges which are America's unique contribution to education in our culture.

Comes now this advocate, then, not of unreasoning adherence to tradition-for-tradition's sake, but of appreciation of the rich potential for a clear and vigorous sense of purpose that derives from dedication to a proud heritage for which we do not apologize, but rather for which we energetically claim a continuingly viable role in the academic community. This is a role which is far from outmoded; indeed we are often reminded that one of our basic problems is simply to make the world aware that we are alive and well, doing our job. A dramatic example of this situation occurred in late February, when we had as one of our visiting scholars the former head of the Princeton philosophy department, who was not aware that he was coming to spend a day on a campus which had weathered quite creditably some recent storms of corruption which swept through American education. At one point he exclaimed, "Good grief! I didn't know such a place still existed! This is wonderful!" His words of appreciation, respect, and encouragement were among the most refreshing tributes to Hampden-Sydney I have heard. This tribute was made the more poignant since this gentleman, a non-American, is particularly

sensitive to the diversity of the American educational scene and the strong contribution our type of college has made to it. But his reaction is not by any means unexampled: There is a consistent pattern of distinguished academic visitors being delighted to find a college which has, unlike in most cases their own institutions, not yielded to a host of temptations. One such temptation is now presented to us in an unusually beguiling way.

It is well known that a feature of Hampden-Sydney's heritage that now makes us very close to being unique is our all-male status. We address here the question, "Is this status any longer justifiable?" I say it is not only justifiable but an enormous asset, working entirely in our favor, in the short term and in the long term. It is an asset, not a liability, still less an embarrassment, partly because it helps to define our identity in the spectrum of American higher education, one of whose most pressing needs is acknowledged (for example, by six speakers, including the new Director of the Virginia Council on Education, at a seminar held on March 11 in Lexington, Virginia) to be the preservation of that diversity which is one of the strengths of our system. It also helps us to see more clearly the challenges before us in realizing our own potential as a first-class men's liberal arts college, without confusing the issue by misguidedly or even gratuitously redefining our nature and therefore our goals. Please observe that 'men's liberal arts college' is one notion, an educational, social, cultural, environmental composite which has a well-established integrity and function. So, having put our hand to this plow, let us not turn back.

We might well ask who wants us to turn back. I will elaborate this presently, but suffice it to say now that no

significant constituency within the College, much less the public which supports the College, does so. Such sentiment as there is for altering the all-male part of the composite (no one would query the "liberal arts" or the "college" parts) seems, frankly, misinformed.

I think it interesting that as I talk to students (and I talk to a lot of them), I get some responses on a variety of matters that qualify a significant portion of our men as young fogies. The all-male issue is no exception. The response I have received most often when, during the last month, I have brought the subject up, is simply "It's our tradition and it would ruin the school to change," or some minor variation of this pronouncement. Those who went to private secondary schools (whether all-male or not) are particularly outspoken in this vein, which says something about the attitude of one of our most stable recruitment constituencies. We most assuredly do not wish to emphasize our all-male-ness in some mindlessly chauvinistic way, but to present it as part of our distinctive identity, which we hope will attract an increasing amount of support from those seeking a refreshing alternative in the increasingly dull homogeneity of private higher education.

An important consideration for us, in whatever we do, must be the public perception of us—our reputation, if you will. Is there any indication whatsoever that we would, or any reason to believe that we would, enhance our reputation, the esteem in which either our traditional public holds us or the esteem we wish to cultivate in a wider public, by abandoning our all-male status? If the answer is "yes," then I want to see the proof, the evidence for it; if "no," then this alone should dissolve the issue. Given the

siege-mentality that now obtains in and concerning private higher education, a move to abandon our all-male status would inevitably be interpreted as an act of desperation, not as an enlightened exercise of free will. We have earned the confidence of the public by being what we are and doing what we do. What advantage do we *know* we would gain that would be worth the price and trauma of changing? Can we count on pleasing more of our constituencies than we

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would offend by such a move? Can we expect others to have faith in us if we do not have a vigorous and unapologetic faith in ourselves?

Again, prudence and principle together suggest that we owe it to ourselves and to the academic community at large to continue to offer the increasingly scarcer option which we now provide. The healthiest notion of pluralism in education is, after all, that *each institution make a distinctive contribution in its own terms.*

Hampden-Sydney faces problems. It is always a temptation, and most commonly an unwitting confession of historical

ignorance, to claim that one's own era's problems are, even if not new, more pressing than any previously encountered. For there are no really “new” problems, but only inexhaustibly novel variations on old ones. Let us all remember that one of the virtues of a genuine liberal education is that it inculcates a dispassionate sense of the timelessness of this fallen world's problems, and thus a wariness in the presence of those who, in any generation of the sons of Adam, claim to “have it all put together.” A student of Hampden-Sydney history can identify crises every bit as horrendous as those identified or imagined by today's seers.

Today two problems we all recognize as paramount are the relatively static number of applicants and the drop in aptitude and achievement test scores of entering students. Our Director of Admissions, John H. Waters, '58, puts these matters in appropriate perspective in an accompanying article, and hence I shall not consider here the reasons for this troublesome situation, which is, unfortunately, a national one reflecting problems in the lower levels of education. I would call attention to this all-important fact: the non-preparation (to use the most charitable term) for college-level work, particularly work in the demanding subjects which are the core of the liberal arts, manifests itself in the schools *equally among males and females.* The solution for these problems at Hampden-Sydney, therefore, obviously cannot be found in offering admission to women; it must lie in becoming more demanding in what is expected of our male students in the way of the intellectual skills and background they bring to our work. I do find it odd that many fine all-female colleges do not regard their sexual exclusiveness an admissions problem; in

fact, they stoutly insist on the need for “an environment in which women can mature as women among women.” Cannot we agree say, with Washington and Lee (uncomfortable as that may be for us) that an analogous need exists for men? Some might quickly allege that it is wrong in principle for any college to be sexually exclusive, on the specious grounds that “education is for life in society,” which is (as we know) complementarily sexual; hence an educational institution ought to be “a microcosm of society.” This logically tainted position I reject, answering that, on principle, a college best emphasizes its academic purposiveness by being qualitatively different from the general environment and that, in fact, we have been doing a jolly good job of “preparing for life in society” (or, as our founding president much more felicitously put it, of “forming good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning”) for over two centuries without “being a microcosm of society.” We will not by any means defend the (anti-distractionist, I guess we would call it) argument of the late Dean Fine of Princeton, that “you can't teach a boy algebra if there is a girl in the room, or, if you can, he isn't worth teaching,” but neither will we heed the social engineers.

I am convinced that there are quite enough young men of ability and sensible personal intellectual ambition who would gladly, nay, eagerly, come to get a genuine liberal education, a Hampden-Sydney education, if (a) they knew such was still available, and (b) they could afford to do so. Both depend on external perceptions of us and support for us, by the wider community, and both, to one degree or another, depend on the availability of funds: money for scholarships, for endowment, for full staff in our established



academic departments, for greater library resources, and for new or updated physical facilities which not only reinforce the academic program but enhance the amenities (and necessities) of our environment and make it a more satisfactory place to live and work. Basic, of course, is a vigorous and appropriately staffed recruiting effort; for such young men as we want, those who meet our standards and who want our kind of education (which is not, nor has ever been, for everybody), are undoubtedly scarcer than they once were, when able young men were better prepared by the schools for it and were more generally encouraged to seek it; but they are there. Certainly there are enough of them—perhaps not all in our traditional areas of support—to justify us in making no further compromise of our identity as an all-male, liberal arts college. But the common solution to all of these needs is the full financial support of our operations, not the changing of those operations. I am greatly encouraged that we are already beginning to move on the fronts I have cited; so I am convinced that we cannot afford to stall these efforts or to dissipate our energies (to say nothing of money) in a misconceived project to attract female students who may, or may very well not, be interested in the first place—and there is some good indication that they would not be, as I shall note.

As I have observed, we need financial independence to be able to keep the cost of attending Hampden-Sydney competitive, a goal best met by keeping the proportion of the operating budget derived from student fees as low as possible; this in itself would be a significant step toward solving the recruitment problem and to the supposed need to “dress up” the curricu-

lum in order to “meet the market;” this last suggestion is often proposed by those who conceive of a college as a sort of business, with customers looking for goods and services. That analogy would be academically disastrous. Let me remind us all of Thomas Henry Huxley’s words at the opening of the Johns Hopkins University, in which he warned that “the greatest danger to the excellence of an academic institution is an unwholesome dependence on student fees,” precisely because such dependence fosters what we would call a student “consumerism.”

In connection with financial considerations, we need to realize that our all-male status is demonstrably an asset in attracting the kind of young man we want, who wants our kind of education in our kind of atmosphere. Not the least of the

programs which attract outstanding young men to the College is that carried on by the Department of Athletics. But we are all aware that we must substantially improve our athletic facilities. It is close to miraculous that we can maintain our successful intercollegiate program and our astoundingly active intramural program with the facilities we now have. As modest as they are, at least the facilities prove that there is a hard core of athletically-inclined students who will tolerate difficult conditions in order to get the education we make available to them.

But even granted all of our needs, to be a first class all-male college would cost us far less than to abandon our all-male status while maintaining even current standards. We mean here by cost more than the financial cost, expressible in terms of capital outlay not only for



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adaptation and construction of living and athletic facilities, but also for new programs—very expensive programs—which are necessary to attract women students: studio art and music are but two examples of the kinds of academic offerings which would have to be developed and maintained at a first-class level. With regard to the *non-financial* cost implied above, it is often suggested on “educational” grounds that we ought to have such programs as studio art and music for our men. But such programs, like patently vocational offerings, represent serious erosion of the linguistic, mathematical, literary, historical, philosophical, Biblical, and scientific foundations of authentic liberal education, especially as we have nurtured it at Hampden-Sydney. Although the matter is subject to debate, I submit that it is simply wrong to give academic credit for learning the viola or for painting portraits on the same basis as for learning calculus or studying Shakespeare.

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To provide facilities for such edifying activities on an extra-curricular basis is another



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matter—just as we provide similar opportunities in the Glee Club, the newspaper, literary magazine, yearbook, radio station, dramatics, forensics, and so on. In my view, it is worth pointing out that the *purest liberal arts program is also the most economical to maintain with excellence*; and such a program does not seem to appeal to enough women to warrant adapting the College’s environment to accommodate them. Equally and perhaps more importantly, there is only the fond hope that, if we were to admit well-qualified women, we would attract the numbers of them we would think appropriate in order to justify the expense involved. If we did not, or could not, attract those women, and in suitable numbers, we wanted, we would create a disastrous morale problem, in addition to seriously or irretriev-

ably damaging our reputation. The potential damage of such a move to morale is only part of the problem. Such a step once taken is irreversible. It would do the College no good at all to look back in hindsight and admit that we were too hasty in our judgment and actions. And it concerns me that more than a few women students from Duke, Hollins, and Randolph-Macon’s Woman’s College (I took a little survey over Midwinters) have told me *they* think we ought to stay as we are, and, more to the immediate point, that they would not be interested in attending Hampden-Sydney if we were non-all-male. We simply do not have any identifiable female constituency waiting for the chance to come here. The notion that abandoning our all-male status would “double our applicant pool” is dangerously unsubstantiated and ignores the

fact that such a change would also multiply (not just double) our competition. How often do we have to learn that saying something is so does not make it so?

An element in some people's thinking about our recruitment of students is the reasons given by successful applicants to Hampden-Sydney who decline their offers of admission and go elsewhere. These "reasons" are occasionally just silly—e.g., "rural environment;" since our location is hardly a closely-held secret, we wonder why that simple-minded boy applied in the first instance. For one thing, most of us regard our rural (but not remote) location as an asset, an allure-ment for the young men who like to hunt, fish, run cross-country, or just enjoy the benefits of living in the country. But not all have seen it this way. Lest we forget, twice in this century

there have been serious sugges-tions that Hampden-Sydney "save itself" by "joining the mainstream of education" and moving to an urban locale; also, in each case the move was to be accompanied by consolidation with other institutions in order to form a university, a step which, by definition, would not have saved the College. In each case—about 50 years apart—we decided to remain where as well as what we are. It ought to be worth some reflection that a lot of what we are is due *not* to intransigent conservatism but (a) to trial, error, and correction, and (b) to deliberate reaffirma-tion of our own identity after careful consideration of alterna-tives.

So we do not idly appeal to the past; we are aware that our future does indeed lie ahead of us. But as the College has developed, time and again we have strengthened it by reaffirm-

ing our own way, our own character (if that is not too old-fashioned an asset to boast of), even while learning from others—and from the mistakes of others. Coeducation, as it is called, a practice at best wholly irrelevant to the needs and aspirations of the College, would be a denial of an essential ingredient in that character.

Let us instead, publicly and repeatedly, emphasize the assets we have as one of the nation's few all-male liberal arts colleges. We must not, again, *apologize* for our status but should *use* it in a positive manner to the full. Such reaffirmation to ourselves and to the wider public is sorely needed. Let us stand for something lest we fall for nothing. ☸

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Seven Named to Board

Seven men have been elected to Hampden-Sydney's Board of Trustees according to an announcement by Chairman of the Board S. Douglas Fleet. The seven new members of the Board will take office on July 1, 1977 and will serve five year terms. Returning to the Board after absences of a year will be the Rev. Bernard E. Bain, T. Kyle Baldwin, and Peter A. Leggett.

Dr. Bain, of Lynchburg, Virginia, is a 1928 graduate of the College. He earned the B. D. and Th. M. degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and is the retired superintendent of the Presbyterian Home in Lynchburg.

Mr. Baldwin, of Farmville, Virginia, graduated from the College in 1939. First elected to the Board in 1966, he is the president of Baldwin Stores, Inc.

Mr. Leggett, a native of Lynchburg, Virginia, is a 1968 graduate of Hampden-Sydney. Mr. Leggett is currently the manager of the advertising and sales promotion division of the Leggett Department Stores.

The remaining four men have been elected to

the Board for the first time. They are: William R. Hill, Jr., John B. Long, William R. Middelthon, Jr. and Gordon C. Willis.

Mr. Hill is a member of Hampden-Sydney's class of 1936. He is the president of William R. Hill and Co. in Richmond, Virginia—food brokers and manufacturers agents.

Mr. Long attended Hampden-Sydney from 1934 until 1936 and earned the A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1938. He is the president of the Long-Airdox Company in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

Mr. Middelthon graduated *magna cum laude* from the College in 1963. He is currently a lawyer in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Willis attended Hampden-Sydney from 1938 until 1940 and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1943. He is president of the Rockydale Quarries, Corp. in Roanoke, Virginia and is chairman of the Virginia State Board of Community Colleges.

College Saddened by Deaths of Hobbie, Wiseman

Warren W. Hobbie of Roanoke, Virginia, a Hampden-Sydney Trustee from 1962 until 1972, died at the age of 81 on March 15th. Mr. Hobbie, who was awarded an honorary degree by Hampden-Sydney in 1972, was chairman of the board of the Webster Brick Company, president of the Weblite Corporation, and vice president of the United States Industrial Council. He was a veteran of World War I and a member, trustee, and elder of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke.

Dr. Henry A. Wiseman, III, a Danville, Virginia surgeon and member of the College's Board of Trustees, died at the age of 57 on March 26th. Dr. Wiseman graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1941 and earned the M.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1944. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Danville and had served as a ruling elder.

Graham's Last Hurrah

by William A. Winburn, IV

A lot of characters have lived and worked in Graham Hall. The building, or the house section of it, has housed the president of the College as well as homesick freshmen. Graham sits vacant now, awaiting the invasion of construction workers in the late spring or early summer. The workers will completely gut the old structure as a first step in the long-planned renovation of Graham into a student center.

But late this winter "old" Graham performed what might have been its last service to the College. It housed one more character. This time he was a young artist who makes his living working in molten glass, paint-

ing, and fishing on North Haven Island in Maine. For three weeks at the end of February and the beginning of March, Eric E. Hopkins worked as the College's artist-in-residence. Coming to the College with "an open program," Hopkins worked "mainly to expose students to an artist working in the late 1970's."

Hopkins, who received the B.F.A. degree from Rhode Island School of Design in 1976, held a series of informal talks on modern art and its role in society and taught a class on drawing as well as designing a cover for *The Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review*. "The most important thing in art, whether painting or poetry, is to give meaning to

something, to relate to someone else your ideas and feelings," asserted Hopkins.

Working out of a room in the house section of Graham, Hopkins professed to have seen no ghosts and indeed seems to have taken a liking to the old building.

I visited Hopkins to join in his drawing classes as well as to photograph him and couldn't resist the impulse to take a photographic journey through Graham—partly for sentimental reasons, but mostly to point up the desperate need for its renovation.

William A. Winburn, IV, '79, is the College's photographer.



Eric Hopkins (left) makes a point while Graham (opposite page) crumbles around him.





Theo Maben: A Tribute

Trustee E. Theodorick Maben, '27, died of cancer in Richmond, Virginia on February 10, 1977. The following tribute to Mr. Maben was written by B. Louis Briel, '66, formerly the Director of Individual Resources at the College, who now works in Richmond as a free-lance artist/portraitist.

by B. Louis Briel

Hampden-Sydney alumni who didn't know Theo Maben really missed something. He was one of a kind—a man about whom many have said “They threw away the mold when they made him.” Theo was a friend—to me, to countless others, and especially to Hampden-Sydney. He was a man who refused to covet fame and yet his fame will endure through the love of so many whose lives he touched.

“To form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning”—this, the professed aim of our College, found its purest example in Theo Maben. “A good man, a good citizen, and soundly learned” describe Theo as well as words alone can. Any hesitancy I feel in attempting such a description is a simple fear that I cannot do justice to the man. A mere catalog of his accomplishments would not suffice. He plainly didn't seek badges and tokens and hollow honors, yet, honored by his College, his employer, his church, his fraternity, and his friends, Theo sought nothing more than to continue to help, to serve, and to be a friend.

I don't mean to imply that he wasn't proud. He was proud all right, proud of being a Hampden-Sydney man, of being

a Christian, of being a conservative—very simply, of being Theo Maben. His selection to serve as a Trustee of the College he loved so deeply was perhaps his greatest treasure. He died a Trustee, and yet he had lived as one for many years before actually being elected to the Board.

Theo, more than any other individual trustee, president, alumnus, or staff member, contributed to the success of the alumni portion of Hampden-Sydney's Annual Fund during a twenty year span from the mid-1950's until the mid-1970's. The Hampden-Sydney Telethon was his creation, aptly combining the two greatest loves of his life—telephones and Hampden-Sydney. Did you know that all those fellows who called you each November, for four years, had been contacted personally by Theo Maben? Yes, all 250 of them. Each year he got them to show up, on time, to call you to help Hampden-Sydney's Annual Fund. Less than a week before his death—from his hospital bed—he was recruiting volunteers for yet another telephone campaign. It is no overstatement to say that Theo, during the years following his retirement from the C&P Telephone Company, devoted his entire life and all of his energy to the College he cherished. The dramatic recent upsurge in alumni support for Hampden-Sydney was Theo's signal achievement. When the alumni portion of the College's Annual Fund was honored last year by the United States Steel Foundation and ranked first in loyalty among Virginia colleges, Theo smiled proudly, and then went back to work to make this year's fund even better. Yes—we've really lost something!

What makes a man what he is, parents, homelife, associates? To unravel the miracle which was Theo Maben would take more thought than I could muster. I would suggest only that Theo was one of those rare individuals who sought out the best in everybody, decided early to be a doer rather than a thinker, and gained incredible strength from doing and from being a friend to so many so often. Theo always found the best in any situation and selected as his friends the best in any crowd. While he had many friends among the exalted, Theo always remained himself. His willingness to help his fellow man—however great or small—remained boundless. Each new generation of Hampden-Sydney men had its “stars”, as Theo would call them. Each new day had its challenges and rewards.

I could go on forever. The simple truth is that Hampden-Sydney has lost a dear friend. Each of us who knew Theo was nourished and had his life enriched by having known him. “Mr. Hampden-Sydney” is the way I'd describe Theo Maben.

Good-bye Theo. Good-bye “Mr. Hampden-Sydney”. We'll miss you.

Annual Alumni Telethon

Defying an unbelievable streak of bad luck, Hampden-Sydney telethoners garnered a grand total of \$62,185.00 in pledges from alumni over a period of four nights in late February and early March and a fifth night in late March via the Annual Hampden-Sydney Telethon. The Telethon, which has been held every year at the C&P Telephone offices in Richmond, Virginia for five years, has become something of a fund-raising institution at the College. This year marked the first time that the Telethon had been held in the late winter—in previous years it has taken place in the fall of the year. “The Telethon this year functioned as a wrap-up to the alumni portion of the Annual Fund instead of the kick-off,” stated Dr. Royster C. Hedgepeth, Associate Director of Institutional Development at the College. “Consequently,” he continued, “we didn’t expect for the Telethon to produce quite as much money as it has in recent years. The emphasis in this year’s Annual Fund drive has been more on the involvement of the College’s Alumni Clubs in our Annual Fund efforts. A healthy portion of the Clubs developed their own programs for soliciting alumni in specific geographic areas. Club efforts were complemented throughout the year with direct mailings from the College—one last request will be mailed in late April.”

What about the streak of bad luck? “We had an auspicious beginning on Sunday night, raising over \$16,000.00,” said Hedgepeth. “But Monday night it seemed that we couldn’t catch any of our major givers at home.



P.S. Roper, '71



E.C. Moncure, Jr., '71



W.T. Butler, Jr., '62



R.C. Long, Jr., '72



R.C. Hedgepeth (l.) and W.N. Pollard, '67



J.R. Brinser, '27 (l.)

Nets \$62,185 in Pledges



H.C. Spalding, Jr., '60 (l.) and
J.L. Brinkley, '59



J.R. Brinser, '27



T.L. Currie, '45



W.N. Pollard, '67



J.B. James, '53



W.T. Butler, Jr., '62

It was uncanny. We usually try to build four or five potential big gifts into each night but when they're not at home. . . ." The bad fortune was just beginning, though, for Tuesday night's callings had to be postponed because of a transformer malfunction at the C&P offices. The Telethon resumed the next night with the transformer repaired and ready to go—or so it was thought. With forty-five minutes to go on Wednesday night the lights in the C&P offices began flickering and then went off. Wednesday night's Telethon was finished by the light of cigarette lighters and flashlights as callers stood their posts despite the dark.

The Telethon concluded on a high note with March 23 (the make-up night) producing the most money—over \$17,000.00 in pledges.

Was this year's Telethon a success? "Anytime you can gather fifteen to twenty alumni together for five nights to raise money for the College and have the extra added benefit of seeing them renew old acquaintances, it rates as an unqualified success," commented Hedgepeth.

Alumni who made a pledge through this year's Telethon are urged to honor those pledges by *no later than June 30, 1977* so that we may give you proper recognition in 1976-77's *Honor Roll of Donors*.

Norfolk Philanthropist Establishes Scholarship



Mrs. Nelson

Hampden-Sydney has received a gift of forty-one shares of stock worth approximately \$100,000.00 from Mrs. Margaret E. Nelson of Norfolk, widow of Joseph L. Nelson, Sr., prominent Norfolk businessman.

Mrs. Nelson has specified that the funds are to be used to establish the Joseph Lee and Margaret East Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund. While not a prerequisite for selection as a scholarship recipient, Mrs. Nelson has indicated a desire that preference in selecting scholarship recipients be given to Virginians who intend to pursue careers as either ordained ministers, missionaries, or teachers. The scholarships from the fund will be awarded annually to students of known superior academic ability who are in need of financial assistance.

Mrs. Nelson's son, Dr. Joseph Lee Nelson, Jr. and her grandson, Joseph Lee Nelson, III both graduated from Hampden-Sydney, in 1945 and 1972 respectively. The elder Nelson is a professor of religious studies at Lynchburg College.

President Reveley stated that "The College is most grateful to Mrs. Nelson for such a genuine demonstration of her regard for Hampden-Sydney. Her gift will enable many young men to enjoy the same sort of education enjoyed by her son and grandson."

Pratt Will Successfully Defended

In late January, Hampden-Sydney and nine other colleges and universities in Virginia and Maryland successfully defended their interests in the estate of John Lee Pratt, retired business executive and philanthropist, who died in December of 1975. The ten institutions defended the Pratt will against a challenge from one of his nieces not named in the will.

Pratt left the bulk of his estimated \$60 million estate to the ten colleges or universities, which in addition to Hampden-Sydney included: Hampton Institute, Hollins College, Randolph-Macon College, Sweetbriar College, the University of Virginia,

Randolph-Macon Woman's College, V.P.I. & S.U., Washington and Lee University, and Johns Hopkins University.

Hampden-Sydney's share of the estate amounted to approximately \$2.4 million—the largest single gift received in Hampden-Sydney's history. Mr. Pratt specified that "none of the bequests . . . be used for the erection of buildings, acquisition of grounds or the improvement of existing buildings and grounds." The College's portion of the estate is being used for faculty development and for funding of the expanded merit scholarships program.

Class Notes

1914

ERNEST TRICE THOMPSON was honored at the annual meeting of the alumni association of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia with the presentation and unveiling of his portrait. The presentation was made by Professor John H. Leith of the seminary on behalf of the directors of the *Presbyterian Outlook* and hundreds of former students and friends of Dr. Thompson whose gifts had been made in tribute to the distinguished teacher and *Outlook* co-editor.

1925

WILLIAM C. BARGER, M. D. has been published in the proceedings of the Sixth Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf. Dr. Barger's work with the child who is confused by a mixed laterality of dominance has been included in a new book entitled *The Dyslexic Child*. He is a member of the Royal Society of Medicine, England, by invitation.

R. C. EDMUNDS of South Boston, Virginia was presented the Lions Club Charter Monarch Award for 50 years of service as a member of the Lions Club. The award was presented by the district governor of the Lions.

1926

The Rev. CHARLES W. KERNAN is currently stated supply at the Hat Creek and Diamond Hill churches in Virginia. He arrived on the field in August.

1929

Dr. ELAM C. TOONE, JR. was presented a service award by the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation at the group's annual meeting. Dr. Toone, retired chairman of the rheumatology department at the Medical College of Virginia, organized one of the first arthritis clinics in the United States at M.C.V. in 1938.

H. MAXCY SMITH was chosen as one of 175 delegates to attend the University of South Carolina's

Founders' Day celebration. The event included a flag raising ceremony in the original University Square where a monument of Dr. Jonathan Maxcy, the university's first president, stands. Mr. Smith is the great-great-grandson of Dr. Jonathan Maxcy.

1932

W. EDWIN HEMPHILL has edited *The Papers of John C. Calhoun, Volume IX, 1824-1825*, which was published in 1976 by the University of South Carolina Press.

1935

HENRY S. MOSBY, a name synonymous with wildlife management in Virginia for more than 30 years, stepped down as head of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Virginia Tech this year. Mr. Mosby was featured in the January 1977 issue of *Virginia Wildlife*.

1936

C. DANIEL SHELBURNE, senior vice president of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., was elected president of the Occaneechee Council at the November Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America. He has had a long association with the Council and served as treasurer for a number of years. Mr. Shelburne is active in Salvation Army Work, is a director of the Business Development Corporation of N. C., a director of the Episcopal Church Foundation, director and vice president of Wake Technical Institute Foundation, and a trustee and instructor of the Graduate School of Consumer Banking. Mr. Shelburne also represented Hampden-Sydney at the inauguration of John T. Rice, the new president of St. Mary's College in Raleigh, N.C. on Sunday, April 1, 1977.

1938

Dr. W. W. WALTON has retired, concluding a 28-year medical practice in Pulaski, Virginia. A dinner party and a reception were given in his honor by the doctors, medical staff, and employees of the Pulaski Community Hospital in January. Dr. Walton

attended the Medical College of Virginia, served in the United States Army, and did his residency at McGuire V.A. Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

1939

Dr. ROBERT EDGAR MITCHELL, JR. has been named as the new president of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

1940

Dr. VIRGIL R. MAY, JR. delivered a paper entitled "Shoulder Arthrodesis," at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at Las Vegas, Nevada in February.

1941

WILLIAM B. SPONG, JR., dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, has been elected a director of Williamsburg National Bank. Spong, who served in the U.S. Senate for six years after representing Portsmouth in the General Assembly for 12 years, joined the William and Mary faculty last year. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School.

1943

Dr. WILLIAM W. HALLIGAN, JR., of Converse College, will represent Hampden-Sydney at the inauguration of John Edward Johns at Furman University on April 22, 1977.

1948

The Rev. JOHN H. THOMPSON was installed as the pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church on February 13th. Mr. Thompson was formerly the pastor at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church in Grafton, Virginia. Prior to his arrival there in 1965, he served as pastor for one year at the French Camp (Mississippi) Presbyterian Church and for ten years at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Mobile, Alabama, where he was also the organizing minister. Thompson has served actively in denomination and civic affairs

throughout his ministry. His church work has included committee service at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels.

1949

JOHN MOORE currently teaches English at Soong Jun University's Taejon Campus and New Testament Greek at Taejon Presbyterian Seminary. He also serves as moderator to three rural churches in Korea.

1950

Dr. CLAUDIUS H. PRITCHARD, JR., who had been vice president for finance and development at Maryville College, has been appointed acting president. Dr. Pritchard assumed his new duties on January 1, 1977. He previously served as president of Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia and vice president at Hampden-Sydney.

1951

RAYMOND B. BOTTOM, JR. was promoted to the rank of full Colonel in the U.S.A.F. Reserve in January.

1952

The Rev. CLAUD W. MCCAULEY, 14th Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, has assumed new pastoral duties at All Saints Church west of Richmond in Henrico County. Mr. McCauley served as general chairman of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. He has been elected twice as a deputy to the National Assemblage of the Episcopal Church general convention. He has served on many boards, departments, and committees of the Episcopal Church at the diocesan and national level. Mr. McCauley was also instrumental in developing the position of Curate at Christ Church. He has provided leadership through his chairmanship of the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Rotary Club, the Blacksburg Sports Club, and his appointment to the advisory board of Rivendell House.

HOWARD A. WYNNE, JR. has been named as Regional Sales Manager for the Carolina Biological Supply Company. Wynne recently joined the Carolina staff as a sales representative in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. A native of Warrenton, N. C., he served in the U. S. Marine Corps and recently

completed 23 years in the Marine Reserve with the rank of major. Wynne has had 15 years of experience calling on medical education centers in the Southeast.

1953

HENRY M. READ has been named director of development at St. Mary's College by President John T. Rice. Read was formerly director of public relations and development at Sullins College for three years. Mr. Read began his career in education as a graduate manager of athletics at Hampden-Sydney. He then joined the staff of the University of North Carolina in 1956 serving as an assistant athletic trainer. In 1958 Read became assistant athletic director and business manager at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, a position he held for eight years before rejoining Hampden-Sydney as director of college relations. Read's appointment to the staff of St. Mary's, an Episcopal-related institution for young women, became effective February 15.

1954

CARTER BRAHAM SNOW FURR has been chosen to appear in *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. He graduated *magna cum laude* and received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1957. Furr was admitted to the Virginia Bar Association in 1957 and began his career in private law practice. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Jett, Berkley and Furr in Norfolk, Virginia.

C. EDWARD RICHARDSON, III has been elected assistant branch manager for Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation in Richmond, Virginia.

1955

Dr. ARTHUR S. GEAR, JR. will be a new member on the staff of Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Virginia. Dr. Gear served for over 10 years as a staff physician at McGuire V.A. Hospital in Richmond. Since October of 1972, he had served as chief of cardiology. His specialty is internal medicine and he is a member of Task Force III, "Community Education for the National Advisory Committee." Dr. Gear has also published papers, abstracts, and books, and has served as an assistant professor of medicine at both the Medical College of Virginia and McGuire V. A. Hospital. He will have a private practice as well as serving on the staff of the hospital.

Lt. Col. JOE S. MAUPIN has been promoted to Colonel. He is now Chief of Staff at Fort Hood, Texas.

1956

Dr. L. MARTIN HARRIS has been named assistant dean for students and curriculum at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Harris had been an associate professor in psychiatry. He joined the M.C.V. faculty in 1968. Dr. Harris is a member of several local Richmond and National professional societies, and serves as a consultant to the psychiatry education branch of the National Institute of Mental Health. He is the author of several papers and articles appearing in psychiatric and other medical journals, as well as a series of professional manuals. He serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Psychiatric Education* and the executive council of the Association for Academic Psychiatry.



Dr. Harris

G. OTIS MEAD, III, a Lexington realtor, has been installed as a director of the National Association of Realtors during the association's mid-winter meetings at Anaheim, California. Mead is president of Mead Associates, Inc. As a director serving a three-year term, he will help determine association policy. He previously served as a director in 1972 and has been a member of numerous National Association committees. A past president of the Virginia Association of Realtors, he also is a past president of the local Chamber of Commerce and currently is on the board of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

JOHN P. WETHERILL of Chevy Chase is Maryland's recipient of an *Outstanding Biology Teacher Award* for 1977. Wetherill is presently teaching biology at Walter Johnson High

School in Bethesda, where he has developed and now coordinates a bio-medical internship course which utilizes resources such as the N.I.H., community veterinarians, and other local laboratories. In the past, Mr. Wetherill has been selected for several National Science Foundation institutes, has presented a paper at a National Association of Biology Teacher's convention, been published in professional journals, and been active on various science-related committees, including several for the Montgomery County public schools. He has also received an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Active in sponsoring activities both in and out of school, Mr. Wetherill coaches a girls' volleyball team and co-sponsors the Biology Honor Society.

CHARLES C. MOTTLEY and his father, Dr. Charles M. Mottley, held a Wine and Cheese Autograph Party on January 23, 1977. The party was in celebration of their new novel, *The Mustard Seed*.

1957

EDWIN W. SIERSEMA of Largo, Florida was the 1976 winner of the Golden Oval Award—American Cyanamid Company's honor to its outstanding salesmen. The award included a trip to New York for Siersema and his wife.

FRANK F. CHURCHILL has been elected to the King George-Dahlgren Advisory Board of The Bank of Westmoreland. He is presently head of the Operations Division of the Technical Evaluation Department at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Dahlgren. He is active in community affairs as a member of the King George County School Board, and a trustee of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owens, Virginia.

1959

RONALD W. DAVIS, of Richmond, Virginia, presented a Bicentennial Concert on Sunday, July 4, 1976, at the Roman Catholic Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Mr. Davis also directed The Choral Society in music for the occasion. Mr. Davis is a professor of chemistry at John Tyler and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community Colleges and a representative in the central-southern Virginia area for the M. P. Moller Pipe Organ Company. He has also appeared as soloist with the Richmond Symphony and Sinfonia as

organist and harpsichordist, as well as playing in a number of European cathedrals.

1960

E. DOUGLAS VAUGHAN of Raleigh, N.C. has been elected president of the alumni association of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

ROLAND W. DODSON, for his work in athletic and civic endeavors, has been chosen by the Portsmouth Sports Club as Sportsman of the Year for 1976. Dodson was among the honored guests at the club's annual Jamboree. Dodson was president of the Sports Club in 1973. During the year he initiated a college scholarship fund on behalf of the club and raised a large percentage of the money for the scholarship himself. He has also helped promote the annual Portsmouth Invitational Tournament, an amateur basketball production of the city's Parks and Recreation Department that has attracted national interest. He has served as chairman of the board of directors of the YMCA and is a board member. He has also served on the board of directors of the Old Dominion University Intercollegiate Foundation.

JOHN N. HARRINGTON has been named vice president of the Central Office Credit Department of the Bank of North Carolina. Mr. Harrington joined the bank in 1975 as an assistant vice president and collection manager. His present duties include statewide responsibility for recovery and collection on real estate. Harrington was elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame at Hampden-Sydney.

WILLIAM H. GOODWYN, JR. has been elected a senior vice president of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation. He is assigned to the company's home office in Richmond. Goodwyn joined Lawyers Title in 1961. He was elected assistant vice president of sales in 1968 and vice president and director of sales in 1972.

1961

A. JOE CANADA, JR., Virginia Beach's Republican state senator, has made official his bid for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. A former Democrat, Canada won election to the Senate as a Republican in 1971 and was re-elected in 1975.

1963

Dr. TOMMY MCDANIEL of

Spartanburg, South Carolina was elected to fill a seat on the Spartanburg County Board of Education representing School District 7.

JOHN W. MELTON, III is engaged in the private practice of rheumatology. He is associated with a group of six physicians in the Arthritis Rehabilitation Center in Washington, D.C. He is also on the Clinical Faculty as an instructor in medicine at Georgetown University. He and his wife Dottie have two children.

1964

Mr. CLIFFORD L. THOMAS has just been elected a Ruling Elder at the Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. Mr. Thomas is presently the Manager of Systems Development at Babcock and Wilcox in Lynchburg.

JOHN SIDNEY DAVENPORT, IV has been elected senior vice president of First Mortgage Corporation. He joined the mortgage banking firm in 1965 and was named a vice president five years ago.

MICHAEL T. CRONE has been elected a vice president of Metropolitan National Bank. Mr. Crone joined the bank in 1968 and will be responsible for the bank's real estate lending activities.

1966

ROBERT CARTER MORRIS is now an assistant professor of physics at Florida State University.

1967

On November 15, 1976, Mr. WICKLIFFE S. LYNE became the administrator of Raleigh General Hospital. Lyne came from Richmond, Virginia, where he had been an assistant administrator at Chippenham Hospital since 1973. Prior to joining Chippenham Hospital he was an assistant administrator at Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley from 1970 to 1973. Lyne is a veteran of the United States Navy and is a member of the American Hospital Association and American College Hospital Administrators, and he has performed various committee assignments with the Central Virginia Hospital Association.

1969

W. DAN ROLL has been elected Prosecuting Attorney for Mason County. Roll practices law in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

GORDY COLEMAN has recently received the M.S. degree from the School of Library Science at Florida State University. While at Florida State, Coleman served as a student representative to the school's scholarship and fellowship committee and became eligible for initiation into Beta Phi Mu, a national honorary library science fraternity. Coleman is presently the librarian at Smithfield High School, in Smithfield, Virginia.

PHILIP W. HUGHES has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Bank of Virginia Company. Mr. Hughes is involved with retail product development and sales training in the marketing division. He joined the bank in 1969. In 1972, he was assigned to the corporate secretary's area where he gained the title of assistant secretary in 1973. After an assignment in the finance division where he coordinated the company's 9% note sale in 1975, he transferred to the marketing division and has been involved with the development of retail banking services for the banking affiliates.

WARREN M. PACE, JR., a loan officer in the commercial loan department of the Bank of Virginia, has been promoted to assistant vice president. Mr. Pace joined the bank in 1969. After serving at the Southside Plaza and Petersburg Pike offices as assistant manager, Pace became manager of the Mechanicsville Pike office and subsequently was elected a branch officer in 1974. He transferred to the commercial loan department in June of last year.

1970

CHARLES W. EWING, II has been named a vice president of First & Merchants National Bank. He has worked for F. & M. since 1970.

VANCE PLUMB is completing a year as head resident in Birmingham, Alabama. He will remain there for a two-year fellowship in cardiology.

C. WAYNE PENICK, who has been serving as a senior credit officer of the Bank of Virginia in Danville, has been elected a vice president and the officer in charge of the Bank of Virginia's Danville offices. Penick holds the basic, standard, and advanced certificate from the American Institute of Banking. In 1975, Mr. Penick was listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*.

RANDY HALLMAN, a reporter for the *Richmond News Leader*, won the first place award in the sports news writing category in the Virginia Press Association 1976 writing competition.

DAVID A. BOWERS, a research associate at the National Academy of

Science's Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., has been named assistant dean for administration and management at Virginia Commonwealth University. Earlier this year Bowers participated in the completion of a congressionally-mandated study into the Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement policies of seventeen medical schools and ninety-six teaching hospitals. Results of his study will affect teaching hospitals and medical schools throughout the nation. Bowers will manage the medical school's interrelationships with outside governmental agencies and other community organizations and will coordinate the business activities of the school and faculty practice plan. He has worked in health manpower planning for the federal government in Washington and Roanoke and as a continuing education specialist for the University of Delaware.



Mr. Bowers

1971

JULIAN D. HARDY, JR. has been named manager of Fidelity American Bank's Farmville office. Mr. Hardy assumed his new duties on March 1, 1977. Hardy was named a loan officer of Fidelity's Blackstone office in 1973. In 1974, he became an assistant loan administration officer for the bank's parent company, Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., and in 1976, he was promoted to loan administration officer.

LEN KLEIN has completed a graduate program for the master's degree at Central Michigan University this past year. He is currently associated with the Lafayette Pharmaceutical Company in Lafayette, Indiana as a research chemist.

GREGORY D. FOREMAN, a member of the firm of Thompson, Savage, Smithers, and Marshall, has been named Boss of the Year by the

Richmond Legal Secretaries Association.

1972

ANDREW D. BRIDGFORTH has been promoted to senior operations analyst in the financial planning department of R.J.R. Archer, Inc. He joined the company in 1975 as an operations analyst.



Mr. Bridgforth

1973

C. WOODSON BAKER is presently program director of the Y.M.C.A. National Centre, Lakeside, England. The camp is located on Lake Windermere in the English Lakes District.

J. SCOTT HARRIS received the M.B.A. degree from the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of Virginia in May, 1976. Mr. Harris is now associated with Deering Milliken and Company, Inc. in Spartanburg, S.C.

GEORGE C. SAKAKINI received his M.D. degree as a member of the 1976 Charter Class of Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia on September 24, 1976. He has commenced his residency in family practice at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Pensacola, Florida.

LINDSAY R. BARNES, JR. has completed all course work in the M.A. program in journalism at the University of Georgia. He is presently radio-television editor for the University of Virginia, dealing in both broadcast communications production and public relations.

1974

THOMAS M. MISHOE, JR. has

received the M.B.A. degree from V.P.I. and S.U. and is presently working in the Accounting Department of First and Merchants Corporation in Richmond, Virginia.

HAL MASKERY is currently flying a Navy F-14A TOMCAT with Squadron 143. His squadron is attached to the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. America*. In March of this year, Maskery was promoted from ensign to lieutenant, junior grade.

GLEN WILLIAMS has been awarded the North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society Scholarship Award for his excellent work at Duke University. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of excellence of academic record, superior performance as a teaching assistant, and promise in research.

LANCE VAN DE CASTLE has been named to the 21-man Eastern Rugby Union Select Side for 1976-77 at a second row position. Van de Castle is now eligible to participate in the trials for the United States National Team, to be held May 14 in Greeley, Colorado. Van de Castle is also the co-director of the Commonwealth Cup tournament scheduled at the University of Virginia for April 30th and May 1st.

All alumni are urged to complete and return the Alumni Survey mailed by the College in early February. Alumni who have not received the survey or who have misplaced the original, may obtain another copy by contacting Alumni Recorder Margaret Swartz at the College.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS

1922

Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WILSON BATTEN of Atlanta, Georgia were married on September 11, 1976 in the National Cathedral, Washington. After the ceremony, the couple sailed for England where Mrs. Batten's relatives reside.

1963

PHILIP GROVER PADGETT, JR. and Miss Nancy Elizabeth Bradshaw announce their engagement. Mr. Padgett is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and is presently employed as a product manager in the Tax Sheltered Investment Division of Merrill Lynch in New York. An April wedding is planned.

1970

GEORGE RICHARD WATERMAN (DICK) and Keryn Deborah Barquin will be married in Staten Island, New York on April 23, 1977. Waterman is currently employed by Parke-Davis and Company, Detroit, Michigan as a territorial manager for Northern Virginia. The Watermans will reside in Springfield, Virginia.

Elizabeth Linwood Snead and OLIN RICHARD MELCHIONNA, JR., announce their marriage on the 20th of November, 1976 in Saint Andrew's Catholic Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

1972

JAMES RICHBURG BLANDFORD announces his marriage to Mary Dianne Winn on December 11, 1976. The Blandfords are presently living in Powhatan, Virginia where Blandford is a real estate and insurance salesman.

1974

Tresa Francesca Duncan and RODGER WILLARD KLEISCH were married on December 18, 1976 at Christ Episcopal Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Groomsmen included PETER ARLIE JORDAN and WILLIAM JAMES RUE, JR., both classmates and fraternity brothers of the groom. The couple will be living in Athens, Georgia, where Mr. Kleisch is completing course work at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine towards the degree Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

1976

Mr. A. B. KREGER, III, and Miss Pamela Holt Dunbar were married on November 6, 1976. The ceremony took place at the Raleigh Court United Methodist Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Dr. Donald R. Ortner assisted with the ceremony, and Messrs. LEE F. BROOKS, 1975, and RICHARD G. WALKER, 1976, served as groomsmen.

Necrology

HERBERT C. BRADSHAW, 1930

December 22, 1976

A native of Prince Edward County and the author of the first of three projected volumes of *The History of Hampden-Sydney College*, he was shot and killed by a sniper on the evening of the 22nd. Mr. Bradshaw was the fourth victim of what appeared to be random sniper attacks. The retired editor of the editorial page of the *Durham Morning Herald*, Bradshaw graduated *summa cum laude* as valedictorian of the class of 1930. He earned the M.A. degree in Latin from the University of Virginia and was honored by Hampden-Sydney in 1967 with the Doctor of Letters degree. Bradshaw joined the staff of the *Morning Herald* in 1953, retiring from his position as editor of the editorial page in 1974. After retiring he had continued his private writing and had been a contributing editor to the *Winston-Salem Journal*. What follows is a portion of an editorial that appeared in the December 24, 1976 edition of the *Durham Morning Herald*.

The insane act which took Herbert Bradshaw's life removed from us a man whose essence was reason and reasonableness. His many years' service as a Morning Herald editor mirrored his character: He was an individualist and a traditionalist, yet he welcomed the views of others on any issue, and he demonstrated a remarkable flexibility in presenting all sides of questions.

So broad was the range and scope of his activities that his friends were constantly amazed at his energy and productivity. The briefest listing of the fields in which he labored—journalism, history, service to the blind, church activities, historic preservation, teaching, farming, urban redevelopment—is impressive.

He was, fundamentally, a southerner and a gentleman of the old school who was courteous to all. But

he never shunned new ideas and innovations. He was a man at ease in any sort of company, from a meeting of fellow tobacco growers to a corporate board gathering. Yet constantly active though he was, he never was too busy to stop and chat with friends and fellow workers.

Herbert Bradshaw was a man of many talents, and throughout his life he gave of them—and of himself—liberally. He found joy and pleasure in living, in sharing, in trying to do his bit to make the world a better place in which to live.

His record of service to the community and to the state is a monument to an unusual man who contributed much to the betterment of us all.

JOHN D. TAYLOR, 1928

September 27, 1976

MAJ. JOEL ARNOLD CLARK, 1929

September 27, 1976

Retired Army Major Clark was a native of High Bridge, Virginia, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the "200" Club. He was a W.W. II veteran and a member of the Hampton Roads Chapter of Retired Officers Association, the St. Augustine American Legion Post 37, the Virginia Beach Disabled Veterans Chapter 020, and a member of the St. Augustine Trinity Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Todd Clark, one son, a brother, two sisters, and three grandchildren.

REV. REID H. ERWIN, 1952

October 26, 1976

He had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cherryville, N.C. since 1968, serving earlier in New Bern and Chinquapin, N.C.

DAVID DOZIER, 1933

November 2, 1976

Mr. Dozier taught and coached

football at the Presbyterian Home for four years. He then accepted a position in Washington, D.C. with the Federal Government in the Pentagon Building. He is survived by his wife, Edna Mae Martin Dozier, one son and a sister.

A. CARY HARRISON, JR., 1924

November 16, 1976

BERNARD M. PEEBLES, 1925

November 23, 1976

Mr. Peebles was a specialist in Roman and medieval Latin literature and in patristics, the study of the writings and doctrines of early Christian leaders. Since his retirement in 1971, he had continued to lecture at the Catholic University and write independently on his specialty. He was deeply involved with the world Petrarch Congress at the Folger Shakespeare Library. He had been serving as an editorial director of *The Fathers of the Church: A New Translation*, an 80 to 90 volume set of the early writings of Christian leaders being compiled by Latin scholars. Peebles taught at the University of Virginia, Fordham University, Harvard, and St. Johns College in Annapolis. He was twice president of the Washington Classical Society, a director of the American Philological Association and member of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, and two grandchildren.

ORDWAY M. WILSON, 1910

November 25, 1976

WILLIAM R. BLANDFORD, 1937

November 26, 1976

Mr. Blandford had been Commonwealth's Attorney in Powhatan County for 29 years. He moved to Powhatan in 1929 and had a private law practice before becoming

Commonwealth's Attorney. He was a former president of the Commonwealth Attorneys' Association and a member of the board of directors of the Southside Electric Cooperative and the Virginia Association of Electric Cooperatives. Blandford was a past commander of the American Legion Post 201, past secretary of the Powhatan Masonic Lodge 295, past patron of Powhatan Chapter 146 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Powhatan Ruritan and Lions Clubs. He was a captain in the U. S. Air Force during W.W. II. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Aileen R. Blandford, two sons, and three brothers.

JOSEPH MOSS WHITE, 1925

December 1, 1976

Mr. White was a prominent Richlands, Virginia church and civic leader. He was president of W. B. F. White and Sons Hardware, a member of the board of directors of the First National Exchange Bank of Virginia, a charter member and past president of the Richlands Rotary Club, and a member of Richlands Lodge No. 318 AF and AM and the Richlands area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. White had been an active member of the First United Methodist Church and served as Sunday School Superintendent for more than 30 years. He was also a member of the board of trustees, the administrative board of the church, and the men's Bible class. Mr. White is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Brown White, three sons, one sister, and eight grandchildren.

JOHN GARNETT DAVIS, 1929

December 12, 1976

Mr. Davis was a prominent Wythe County farmer and businessman and a life-long leader in the Democratic Party, having served for 17 years as the Chairman of the Wythe County Democratic Committee. He had engaged in farming and business operations for many years and was

active in various civic operations and endeavors in the community. Mr. Davis was active in the Wytheville Presbyterian Church and had served as a deacon. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes Crockett Davis, one daughter, two sons, and four grandchildren.

DR. EDWIN C. WADE, 1907

January 6, 1977

Dr. Wade served as district superintendent of public schools in 1917 in Bluefield, West Virginia and as president of Bluefield College from 1934 to 1945. Aside from being a member of many state and national educational associations, he was very much involved in community activities. He was president of the West Virginia Society for Crippled Children for three years and served as past president of the Bluefield Rotary Club.

COL. WILLIAM T. BONDURANT, 1918

February 2, 1977

Col. William T. Bondurant had been chairman of the board of San Antonio (Texas) Academy since 1962. He came to San Antonio as commandant of the academy and instructor in 1920 and acted in the dual capacities until the academy and the West Texas Military Academy consolidated in 1923. The colonel also served as president of Texas Military Academy from 1942 to 1952. His military career began during W.W. I when he served in France. He studied at the Sorbonne until July, 1919. On returning to the U. S. he served as a professor at the Chamberlayne Schools in Richmond, Virginia. In 1970, he was honored for giving 50 years of service to San Antonio's youth. He was a member of the Downtown Rotary Club and of the board of directors of Sunshine Cottage and San Antonio's country club. Hampden-Sydney honored him with an honorary degree in 1948. Mr. Bondurant is

survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Downey Bondurant, one son, one daughter, two stepsons, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and two sisters.

FRANK D. BISHOP, 1948

February 4, 1977

J. WATKINS LACY, 1921

February 28, 1977

Mr. Lacy was a former manager of the General Electric apparatus department in Miami, Florida. He was a member of the Miami Coconut Grove Rotary Club, the Key Biscayne Yacht Club in Florida and the Plymouth Congregational Church in Miami. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eleanor Lacy, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

REV. THOMAS L. THORNE, JR., 1955

March 5, 1977

Mr. Thorne had been the pastor of First and Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware since 1968. He died as the result of injuries received when his automobile crashed near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Mr. Thorne was a native of Philadelphia but spent his childhood in Ocean City, New Jersey. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1958, winning honors for music and scholarship. He was on the debate team and sang in the Princeton Seminary touring choir. He was an opera buff and a model railroader. He had been associate pastor for two years of Newton Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania and was pastor for 10 years of the Clinton Presbyterian Church in New Jersey.

Parting Shots



Alone in an overgrown yard, its dependencies gone and its people turned into memories, the empty house stands just off the “back road” to Hampden-Sydney. Sounds of traffic on the bypass can be heard, but a curve in the road shelters it from the sight of trailers and ranch style homes. Periwinkle has crept over the lawn where bulbs still push their way to the warmth of spring and the fragrance of roses mingles with honeysuckle in summer.

John Morton’s home no longer stands firm against the elements. It sags where a foundation beam has dropped; each year more tin is ripped away, letting rain and snow cascade down the laths and plaster. Gaps break the orderly row of dentil blocks and bricks from the chimney lie scattered on the grass. Birds and wild animals make their homes in eaves and crevices, and only the wind’s whisper is heard in the prayer closet. Morton Hall will not last much longer without salvage, and, when it is gone, Prince Edward will have few Colonial homes left.

Captain John Morton was a founding member of Hampden-Sydney’s Board of Trustees. His home, Morton Hall, is scheduled to be demolished early this summer. The Morton Hall on the campus was the gift of Samuel P. Morton, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland in memory of his ancestor, Captain Morton.



Homecoming

Saturday, October 15, 1977

Hampden-Sydney

versus

Washington and Lee

Look for further details in the September
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1977 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September	10	Guilford	Home
September	17	Sewanee	Away
September	24	Madison	Away
October	1	Bridgewater	(P. & F.) Home
October	8	Liberty Baptist	Danville
October	15	Washington & Lee	Homecoming
October	22	Davidson	Away
October	29	Emory & Henry	Away
November	5	Maryville	Home
November	12	Randolph-Macon	Away

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